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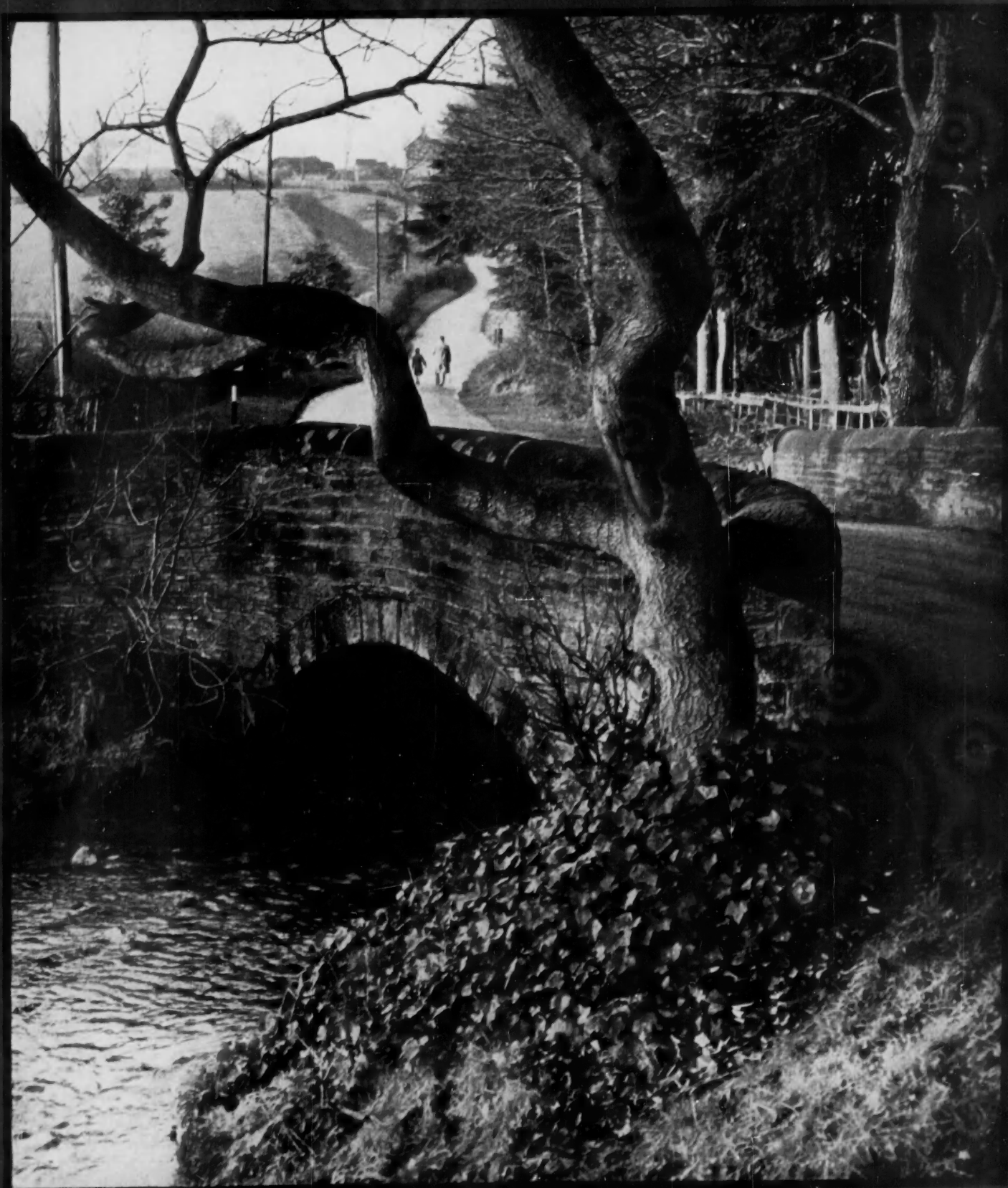
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COUNTRY LIFE

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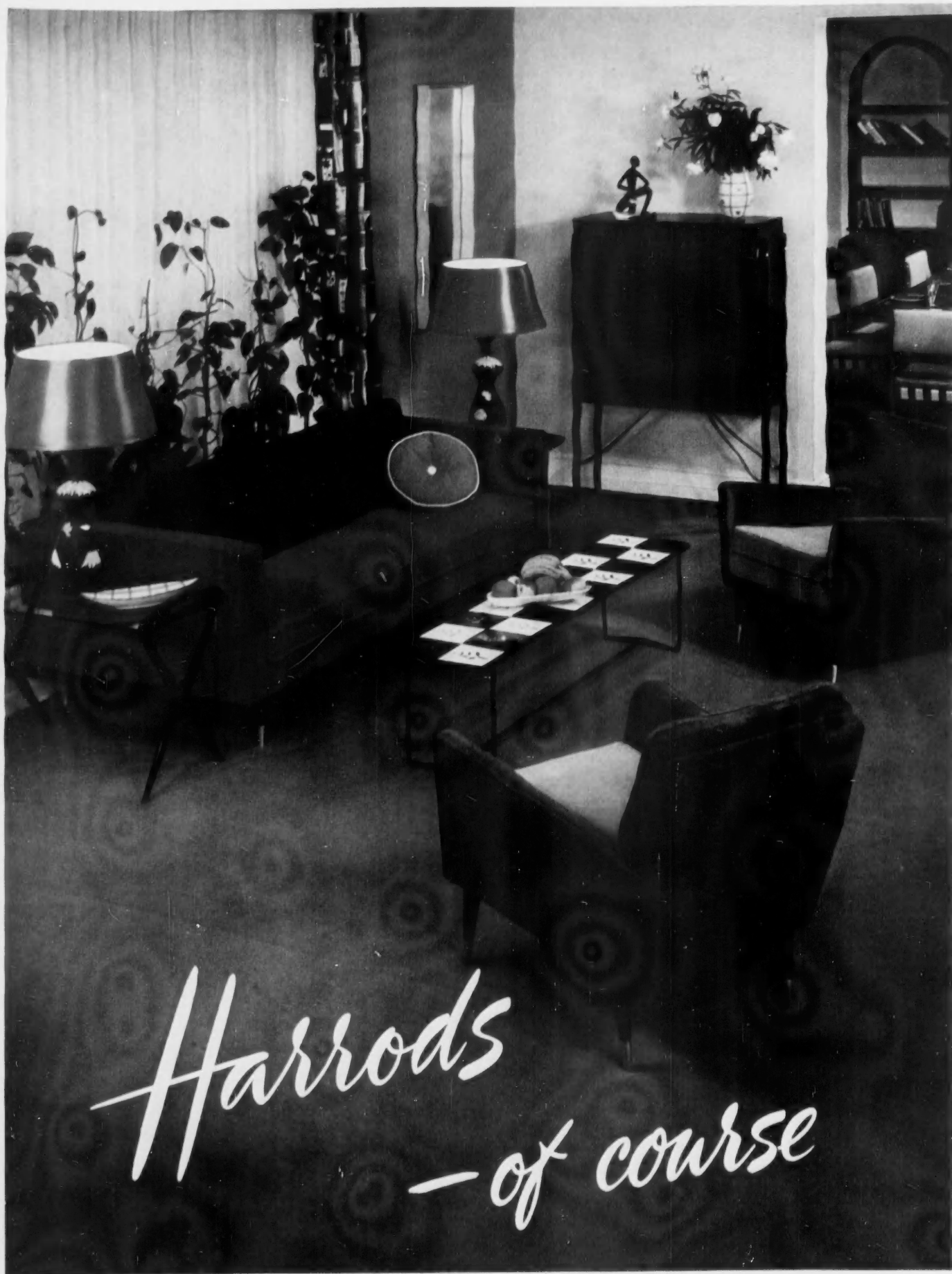
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COUNTRY LIFE

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NOVEMBER 22, 1956

KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY

FIRST-CLASS AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT SUSSEX. EASY REACH OF COAST, LEWES AND HAYWARDS HEATH OVER 900 ACRES PRODUCING £1,826 PER ANNUM

The rents are considered to be capable of increase.

THE EXTREMELY COMPACT ESTATE IS SURROUNDED BY FIRST-CLASS PUBLIC ROADS AND COMPRISES 7 FARMS, AND A SECONDARY RESIDENCE. (Vacant possession of one Farm in the near future.)

THE WOODLANDS PROVIDE GOOD SHOOTING

Title and land tax about £25 per annum.

FREEHOLD FOR SALE BY AUCTION IN THE SPRING (if unsold privately in the meantime).

Agents: Messrs. KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY. (53,972 R.P.L.)

SURREY. HASLEMERE 3½ MILES

Adjoining the unspoilt village of Brook.

Witley station with its excellent service of trains 1 mile away.
CHARMING WELL-EQUIPPED COUNTRY HOUSE HAVING
MAGNIFICENT VIEWS TO THE SOUTH



3 reception rooms, principal suite of bedroom, dressing room, bathroom, 4 other bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Central heating. Main electric light and water. Garage for 3 with staff flat. The garden, a feature of the property, is easy to maintain.

IN ALL 1¼ ACRES

FOR SALE FREEHOLD

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Agents: Messrs. KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY. (54,294 K.M.)

SURREY—LONDON 17 MILES

600 ft. UP IN A FAVOURITE RESIDENTIAL AREA

Close to Commons and Golf Courses.

A DELIGHTFUL SMALL HOUSE OF TUDOR CHARACTER

Newly reconstructed from an old Sussex Farmhouse with many modern improvements.



Built of mellow brick with oak half-timbering, stone and tiled roof and leaded windows, the interior containing many fine oak beams. 3 reception rooms, modern kitchen, 3 bedrooms, well-appointed bathroom.

Central heating. Main electric light, power and water.

Large garage. Secluded woodland garden.

ABOUT ¼ ACRE. FOR SALE FREEHOLD

Agents: Messrs. KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY. (54,245 S.C.M.)

SURREY—KENT BORDER. 500 feet up.

LONDON 25 MILES

Edge of unspoilt village easy reach of excellent train services.

A WELL-EQUIPPED MODERN HOUSE



3 reception rooms, one 30 ft. by 25 ft., 6 bedrooms all with basins h. and c., 3 bathrooms, kitchen with Aga. Central heating. Gas, main electric light and water. Double garage.

A feature of the property is the well-stocked garden with greenhouse and kitchen garden.

IN ALL 1¼ ACRES. FOR SALE FREEHOLD

Cottage available if required.

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BASINGSTOKE 6 MILES

Close to buses and a station.

Exceptionally beautiful situation in unspoiled surroundings.

A QUEEN ANNE STYLE HOUSE

In excellent condition throughout, and having delightful views.

3 reception rooms, 6 bedrooms (5 with basins), 2 bathrooms, playroom. Central heating. Company's electricity and water.

2 garages. Useful outbuildings. The well-stocked gardens are a feature, with lawns, rose gardens and productive kitchen gardens.



IN ALL 1½ ACRES. FOR SALE FREEHOLD

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OUTSKIRTS OF A PICTURESQUE VILLAGE

4 miles from Burford. 4 miles from Kingham Junction.

ATTRACTIVE MODERN STONE-BUILT HOUSE

In excellent decorative order throughout and standing high with extensive views.

3 reception rooms, 6 bedrooms, bathroom. Main electricity. Automatic water supply. Septic tank drainage. Garage, 4 pig sties, 2 loose boxes, cowhouse, etc. Well laid-out gardens, productive kitchen garden.

Paddock and pasture-land bounded by a stream.



IN ALL 15 ACRES. FOR SALE FREEHOLD

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EAST HAMPSHIRE

Alton Station 3½ miles (Waterloo 70 minutes). Close to a village.

A CHARACTER HOUSE, DATED 1500.

Carefully modernised and standing 400 feet up facing south.

The well-arranged accommodation is all on two floors. 3 reception rooms, 7 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, kitchen with Aga. Main electric light, power, gas and water. Central heating and hot water system. Garage.

2 Cottages (1 with bathroom).



Farmery carries an attested herd. T.T. cowstalls for 9, 7 loose boxes. Attractive garden, well-stocked kitchen garden. Water in each field.

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In splendid order.
Hall, dining room panelled throughout, lounge 27 ft. by 18 ft., morning room and ante room, well-equipped domestic offices. Approached by a fine old 15th-century oak staircase are 7 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms together with 2 secondary bedrooms. CENTRAL HEATING THROUGHOUT.
Main electric light and water.
Garage and stable block. Beautifully laid-out gardens with tennis court and children's swimming pool.

2 COTTAGES. IN ALL 3 ACRES

THE PROPERTY, WHICH HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF LARGE EXPENDITURE, IS FOR SALE WITH POSSESSION

Agents: JACKSON-STOPS & STAFF, Bridge Street, Northampton (Tel. 32990). (Folio 8961)

NORFOLK COAST

Pleasant situation, convenient for Cromer and Sheringham.

ATTRACTIVE AND VERY WELL APPOINTED MODERN RESIDENCE



Hall, cloakroom, 2 reception, sun lounge, 4 bedrooms (all with wash-basins), bathroom, kitchen, etc.

Main water and electricity.
Modern drainage.

EASILY MAINTAINED GARDENS AND GROUNDS

GARAGE
1 ACRE

FREEHOLD £3,750

Agents: JACKSON-STOPS & STAFF, East Anglian Office, 168, High Street, Newmarket (Tel. 22312).

ON THE COTSWOLDS

6 miles from Cirencester.

WITH 10 ACRES



Charming modern Cottage Residence.

2 BEDROOMS
BATHROOM
2 RECEPTION ROOMS (one 15 ft. long).

Main electric light and power.

GOOD WATER SUPPLY

FREEHOLD FOR SALE

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FOR EARLY OCCUPATION

A FARMING ESTATE IS WANTED

in the Harrogate-Wetherby-Ripon-Threack area.

150/200 ACRES

WITH A MODERNISED HOUSE, AT LEAST ONE COTTAGE AND LAND

AND BUILDINGS SUITABLE FOR A PEDIGREE HERD

USUAL COMMISSION ON SALE REQUIRED

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NORTH DOWNS

570 feet above sea level. Main-line station 3½ miles. Maidstone 12 miles.

AN EXCELLENT

T.T. LICENSED AND ATTESTED HOLDING

Delightful Period House fully modernised

and having 3-4 bedrooms, bathroom, large lounge, dining alcove, office, cloak-room, good kitchen.

Main electricity and water.
Modern drainage.

GARAGE

MODERN COTTAGE

Very attractively laid-out garden

Ample farm buildings with modern milking parlour.



Good arable and pasture land extending to about 117 ACRES

FREEHOLD FOR SALE WITH POSSESSION, PRIVATELY OR BY AUCTION LATER

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NEAR FRENTHAM PONDS

The Surrey beauty spot 4½ miles from London.

A LOVELY NEW HOUSE IN A WOODLAND SETTING

Built of brick with a tiled roof, it is compact and well designed and contains:

3 RECEPTION ROOMS
3 BEDROOMS
BATHROOM AND
BATHROOM
DOUBLE GARAGE

Main water, gas and electricity.



FULL CENTRAL HEATING. SIMPLE GARDEN

ABOUT 1 ACRE

JACKSON-STOPS & STAFF, 8, Hanover Street, W.1 (MAYfair 3316).

By direction of Miss Betty Stern.

GLASFRYN HALL, CAERWYS, FLINTSHIRE NORTH WALES

Convenient for daily travel to Liverpool or Chester.

A WELL-MODERNISED AND MOST COMFORTABLE COUNTRY HOUSE

Occupying a very lovely position with fine southerly views.

THE ACCOMMODATION ON 2 FLOORS includes oak-panelled hall, large lounge, oak-panelled dining room, cloak, morning room, kitchen with Esse, 5/6 bedrooms (4 with basins, h. and c.), 3 bathrooms.

Main electricity and water. Central heating.
GARAGES FOR 3 CARS, STAFF COTTAGE AND DETACHED MODERNISED LODGE

both with bathrooms, garden with excellent fruit garden.

ABOUT 2 ACRES

VACANT POSSESSION ON COMPLETION

Further agricultural land up to 2½ acres, subject to tenancy, available.

FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY NOW OR BY AUCTION IN THE SPRING

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WANTED

AN AGRICULTURAL ESTATE

FOR INVESTMENT

A BUYER WHO HAS BEEN DISAPPOINTED OVER ANOTHER PROPERTY HAS FUNDS IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FOR AN ESTATE IN THE

SOUTH OF ENGLAND

VENDOR COULD REST BACK PRINCIPAL HOUSE AND FARM IF REQUIRED

Replies in confidence to JACKSON-STOPS & STAFF, London Office (under reference W.J.P.)

KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY

SURREY AND SUSSEX BORDER

Guildford to Horsham bus passes property

**PERIOD HOUSE, DATING BACK SEVERAL CENTURIES
WELL APPOINTED AND IN FIRST-CLASS ORDER**

It is built of brick with mellow tiled roof and stands about 200 feet above sea level in a rural part of the country.

lounge hall, 2 reception rooms, 4 best bedrooms each with basin, 2 staff rooms, 2 bathrooms, modern kitchen with Aga. Oil-fired central heating.
Main electric light, power and water.

Garages for 4 cars. First-class outbuildings. Stabling for 2.

The delightful gardens are well timbered and have spreading lawns. New hard tennis court, full county competition size. Pavilion. Rock garden. Pond. Orchard, kitchen garden. Paddock. Woodland.

TO BE SOLD FREEHOLD WITH ABOUT 10 ACRES

HUNTING. GOLF.

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MAYfair 3771
(15 lines)

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HEREFORD OFFICE: 22 HIGH TOWN (Tel. 5160)

BEDFORD 5 MILES

Situated in an Attractive Village
AN EARLY 18th-CENTURY HOUSE

Partly Queen Anne and on the Ministry of Works list as a protected building.

3 reception rooms, 8 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Separate staff flat.

Main electricity and water.

Septic tank drainage.

Garage, Stabling, Garden.

Grounds and paddocks.

IN ALL 4½ ACRES

FOR SALE FREEHOLD



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OVERLOOKING THE GOVERNOR'S HARBOUR



A MAGNIFICENT MODERN RESIDENCE situated close to excellent bathing beach and enjoying panoramic views.

4 BEDROOMS, 2 DRESSING, 2 BATHROOMS, 2 RECEPTION ROOMS
AND

2 SEPARATE BUNGALOWS

MAIN ELECTRICITY
AND WATER SUPPLIES

2½ ACRES
GARAGE

FREEHOLD £25,000



Note: No Income Tax or Death Duties are payable in this Colony.

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NICHOLAS

(ESTABLISHED 1882)

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REGENT 1184 (3 lines)

IN UNSPOILT BERKSHIRE VILLAGE

Amidst beautiful downland countryside. Station for London 4 miles (express 75 min. service).

SKILFULLY MODERNISED ELIZABETHAN FARMHOUSE



Hall, cloakroom, charming lofty drawing room, dining room, study, kitchen with Aga cooker and modern Janitor boiler for central heating, 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Self-contained servants' quarters with bathroom. Main electricity and water. Partial central heating. Garage and fine old barn. **Old-World Garden** with orchards and paddock. In all about 3 ACRES.

FOR SALE FREEHOLD

Apply: Messrs. NICHOLAS (Reading Office).

WARWICKSHIRE

A VERY

TEMPTING PURCHASE AT £8,250

Bringing in £740 per annum not counting portion occupied by Vendor.

A QUEEN ANNE HOUSE WITH 55 ACRES
(Vacant possession of land.)

NEAR STRATFORD-ON-AVON: This freehold property comprises a QUEEN ANNE HOUSE offered with vacant possession of 4 reception rooms, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, etc.

Remainder 3 self-contained flats bringing in £740 per annum.

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Apply Messrs. NICHOLAS (Reading Office).

BERKSHIRE

Within easy daily access of London—
and having long frontage to the London, with island.
A GEORGIAN HOUSE



with exclusive fishing rights. 3 reception rooms, breakfast room, 6 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Aga. Mains. STABLES. BARN. 7½ ACRES, including 2 paddocks

FREEHOLD FOR SALE

Apply: Messrs. NICHOLAS (Reading Office).

A UNIQUE PROPERTY CONVERTED FROM AN OLD BRICK AND FLINT BARN FRONTAGE TO A STREAM

BERKSHIRE (accessible London daily). THE ACCOMMODATION, WHICH IS ALL ON ONE FLOOR, CONTAINS 3 RECEPTION ROOMS FACING SOUTH AND DIVIDED BY GLAZED DOORS, 4 BEDROOMS, 2 BATHROOMS. CENTRAL HEATING. MAINS. GEORGIAN OUTBUILDINGS COMPRISING 2 GARAGES, STORE OR PLAYROOM WITH ROOMS OVER ¾ ACRE INCLUDING MEADOW WITH FRONTAGE TO A STREAM

FREEHOLD £6,500 OR, WITH 3 BEDROOMED COTTAGE £8,000

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Especially erected and fitted for a discriminating owner.
PRINCIPAL AND GUEST'S SUITE EACH OF
BEDROOM, DRESSING ROOM AND BATHROOM,
2 SPARE BEDROOMS, 2 STAFF ROOMS AND
BATHROOM, 3 RECEPTION ROOMS AND FINE
BILLIARDS OR DANCE ROOM.
Polished solid oak doors, oak floors and oak panelling.
Fitted basins to every bed, and dressing room.

GARAGES for 3 cars.
All main services.

CENTRAL HEATING
with concealed radiators

LOVELY ONE-MAN GARDEN
EXTENDING TO CLIFF EDGE

Finely sited solarium embracing wide sea views.

IN ALL ABOUT 1 ACRE
FREEHOLD



THIS PROPERTY IS MOST HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT SOLE AGENTS AS ONE OF THE FINEST HOUSES OF ITS SIZE AND TYPE
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CLOSE TO THE ENGLISH-SCOTTISH BORDER

Beautifully situated within easy reach of Carlisle Lockerbie main road.



**DELIGHTFUL EARLY
GEORGIAN
MANOR HOUSE**
with
**BORDER "PELE"
TOWER A.D. 950**

Hall, 4 reception rooms,
7 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms.

Main electricity and water.

Good garage and stabling.

2 COTTAGES.

Attractive, finely timbered garden and land. 4 mile trout fishing.

IN ALL 21 ACRES

UNIQUE PROPERTY AT A BARGAIN PRICE. FREEHOLD £5,500

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20 miles of London. Station 14 miles.*

CHARMING HOUSE OF CHARACTER

Part dating from the 17th century; with every modern comfort



Hall, 2-3 reception rooms,
5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms,
modern kitchen.

Main services.

DOUBLE GARAGE
Self-contained ground-
floor flat with sitting room,
bedrooms, bathroom and
kitchen.

**OLD ENGLISH
GARDEN**

FREEHOLD £8,450

A nice village house within daily reach of London.

Inspected and recommended by
HAMPTON & SONS, 6, Arlington Street, St. James's, S.W.1. (S.53581)

DORSET

In a picturesque village.

ATTRACTIVE FULLY LICENSED FREE HOUSE



**PRIVATE AND
PUBLIC BARS,
LIVING ROOM,
KITCHEN,
3 BEDROOMS,
BATHROOM**

Main electricity.
Estate water supply.

SMALL GARDEN

*Scope for good class holiday
trade as within easy motor-
ing distance Bournemouth
and Weymouth.*

FREEHOLD £4,250

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LIMPSFIELD COMMON, NEAR OXTED

*Beautifully situated 500 ft. up with a panoramic view to Ashdown Forest, close to
common and golf course. (London Bridge and Victoria 40 minutes.)*

VALUABLE RESIDENTIAL ESTATE

**Superbly built Tudor
Manor style Residence**
having magnificent lounge
hall, 3 reception rooms,
kitchen, Carolean
staircase, 7 bedrooms,
4 bathrooms, staff rooms.

CENTRAL HEATING
All main services.

SWIMMING POOL
In first-class condition.

COTTAGE

GATE-HOUSE LODGE

GARAGES, STABLING

Lovely gardens on southern slope, woodland, paddocks, farmery, in all about
20 ACRES

FREEHOLD £15,000. OFFERS INVITED

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30 MINUTES BAKER STREET

*Favoured situation, high ground, 10 minutes station.
First-class schools within very easy reach.*

**EXPENSIVELY APPOINTED AND SUPERBLY MAINTAINED
RESIDENCE**

In exceptional order throughout.

Spacious hall, cloakroom,
lounge, dining room,
staff sitting room, fully
modernised kitchen,
6 bedrooms all with basins
h. and c., 2 bathrooms,
excellent playroom.

CENTRAL HEATING
All main services.

2 garages, 2 greenhouses.

Landscaped gardens
*outstanding in every way,
with swimming pool,
non-attention hard tennis
court, kitchen garden, etc.*
in all about 1 1/4 ACRES.

FREEHOLD FOR SALE

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SUSSEX. MAYFIELD

PICTURESQUE GEORGIAN-STYLE RESIDENCE

Close to station.

**A SUN TRAP IN A
CHARMING VILLAGE**

2 RECEPTION ROOMS,
CLOAKROOM,
4 BEDROOMS
BATHROOM

All main services.

*Delightful undulating
garden affording
seclusion.*

FREEHOLD £5,500

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A Lovely Regency Farmhouse in charming
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In splendid order with drawing and dining rooms, cloak-room, 3 double bedrooms, 2 luxury bathrooms, Central heating. Main electricity and water.
Useful set of outbuildings including staff flat.
Charming garden, walled kitchen garden, paddock.
FREEHOLD ONLY £6,950 WITH 3 ACRES
Sole Agents: OSBORN & MERCER, as above.

SUFFOLK
Between Sudbury and Bury St. Edmunds.
A Delightful Old Period House, partly
Early Georgian
with 3 reception rooms, 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms.
Main electricity and water.
Fine old tithe barn, garage for 2 cars, outbuildings.
Matured garden, orchard and arable land in all
ABOUT 5 ACRES
FREEHOLD ONLY £4,500
Agents: OSBORN & MERCER, as above. (21.152)

NEAR WEST SUSSEX COAST
Conveniently situated about half a mile from the sea.
A DELIGHTFUL MODERN COTTAGE-STYLE
HOUSE
Compactly arranged with lounge-dining room, well-
fitted modern kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom.
Main services. Brick-built garage.
Beautifully laid-out garden with productive kitchen
garden.
FREEHOLD ONLY £3,800
Agents: OSBORN & MERCER, as above. (21.044)

WEST SUSSEX
In a quiet village at the foot of the Downs between Chichester
and Arundel.

Charming Modernised Period House



Hall, 3 reception rooms, sun parlour, 3-4 bedrooms,
2 bathrooms. Main services. Central heating.
2 garages, stabling.
Delightful partly walled and secluded garden.
FOR SALE FREEHOLD
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In a rural setting with delightful views over well-wooded countryside. Fast and frequent train service to London Bridge
and Victoria.

A CHARMING RESIDENCE OF CHARACTER IN THE REGENCY STYLE



Thoroughly modernised and
carefully maintained.
6 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, fine gal-
leried hall and 3 reception rooms.
Well-proportioned rooms.
CENTRAL HEATING
Main electricity, power and water.
COTTAGE, SMALL FARMERY,
GARAGE AND STABLING
Easily maintained grounds, nicely
timbered. Walled kitchen and fruit
garden. Grass and arable land in all
about 17 ACRES.

FRESH IN MARKET FOR SALE FREEHOLD. PRICE £11,500

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BUCKS. Near Princes Risborough

In a delightful situation at the foot of the Chilterns.



A FINE EXAMPLE OF A SMALL REGENCY
HOUSE in immaculate order throughout. 6 bed-
rooms, 3 bath, 3 reception. Fine period staircase, beautiful
fireplaces, mahogany doors, oak strip flooring. Central
heating. Main services. Stabling, garage. FINELY
TIMBERED GROUNDS intersected by stream and
ancient moat. About 5 ACRES.
FREEHOLD FOR SALE

GROsvenor
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TRESIDDER & CO.

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Telegrams:
"Cornishmen (Audley), London"

DEVON. With views to the mouth of the Tamar

In a pleasant position, not isolated but enjoying seclusion. Close to golf course.
Plymouth 11 miles.

ATTRACTIVE "LONG-LOW" HOUSE. 6 bedrooms, 2 dressing rooms, nursery,
2 bathrooms, 3 reception rooms, sun room. Main electricity and water. Garages (4),
stabling. Cottage. Delightful garden, easily maintained, including walled kitchen
garden. Small paddock, in all about 5 ACRES. (More land probably available).
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IN PICTURESQUE WILTSHIRE VILLAGE

Favoured sporting district between Devizes and Bath.

DIGNIFIED VILLAGE HOUSE, in excellent order, and well equipped.
6 bedrooms, dressing room, 2 bathrooms, 3 reception rooms, modern kitchen with
Aga and Agamatic. Main electricity and water. 2 garages, 2 horse boxes and useful
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£5,000 FREEHOLD. MORTGAGE AVAILABLE

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BERKS—HANTS BORDER

ATTRACTIVE WELL-BUILT MODERN COUNTRY HOUSE in excellent
order. Hall, cloakroom, 3 reception, 2 bath, 6 bed (2 h. and c.), dressing room.
Main electricity, gas and water. Telephone. Garages, stable. Cottage optional
(vacant possession). Pleasant gardens, prolific kitchen and fruit garden, orchards
and paddock. **4 1/2 ACRES.**

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BEAUTIFUL PART OF SUSSEX

£4,250

Between Midhurst and Petworth. 1 mile from village.

A VALUABLE SMALLHOLDING WITH PERIOD COTTAGE
(capable of enlargement). 2 reception, cloakroom, bathroom, 3 bedrooms, chalet
in garden. Double garage, range of pigeries, horse box, electric light and water.
Pleasant garden, orchard and good pasture and arable. **FREEHOLD. 16 ACRES.**

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DORSET

6,000 Guineas

2 miles Minster Town, 6 miles coast. Hunting 2 packs. Golf 2 miles. Fishing.
CHARMING COMPACT GEORGIAN-STYLE HOUSE. 3 reception, 5 bed-
rooms, bathroom, 2 attics. Main services. Part central heating. Agamatic. Garage.
Outbuildings. Orchard. Lovely garden. Tennis court. Well stocked, part-walled
vegetable garden. Paddock. **4 1/2 ACRES.**

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SURREY BARGAIN

£5,500

Close to golf course and extensive common.

Station 1 mile. Watfloo 36 minutes.

ATTRACTIVE MODERN HOUSE pleasantly situated in secluded garden.
5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, dressing room, games room, 3 reception rooms, usual
offices. 2 garages. All main services.
1 1/4 ACRES FREEHOLD. BARGAIN

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By order of Mortgagees.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUY AT THE
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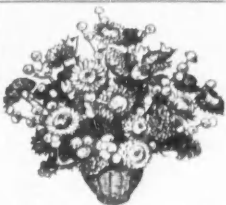
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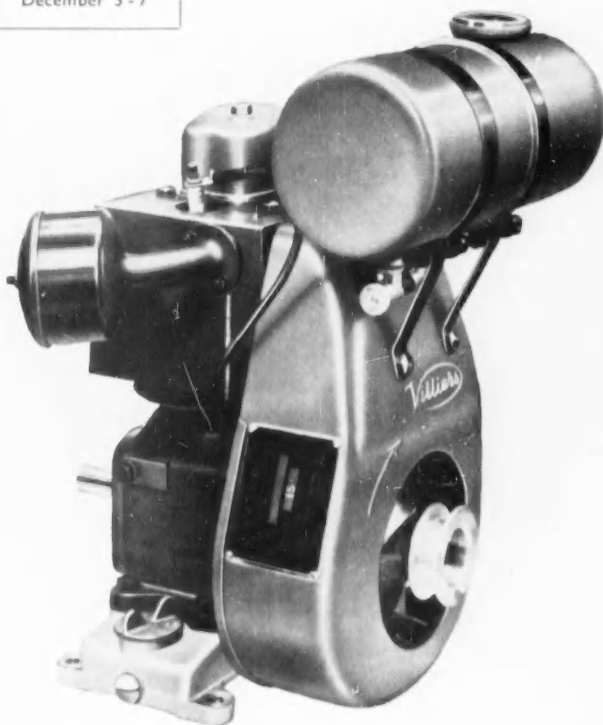
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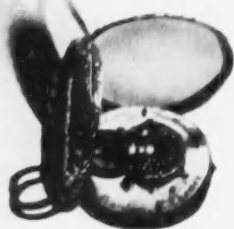
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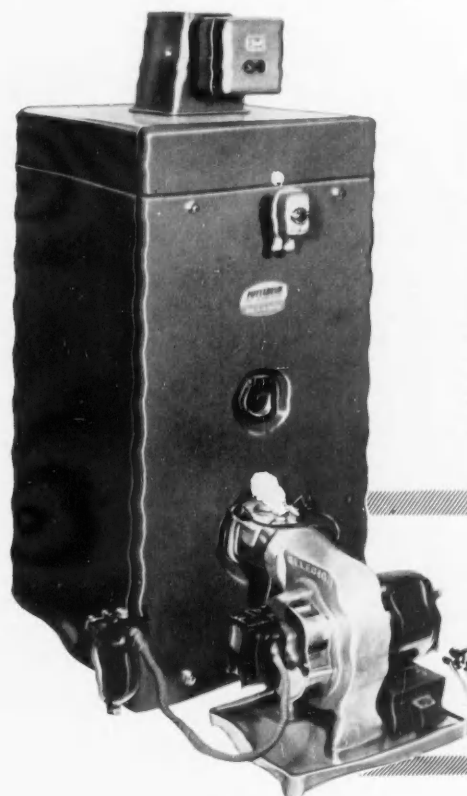
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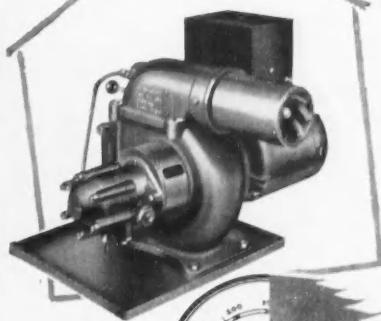
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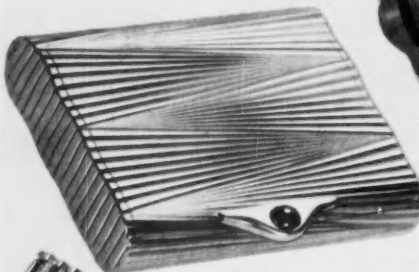
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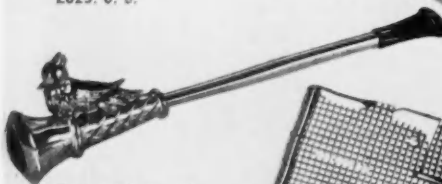


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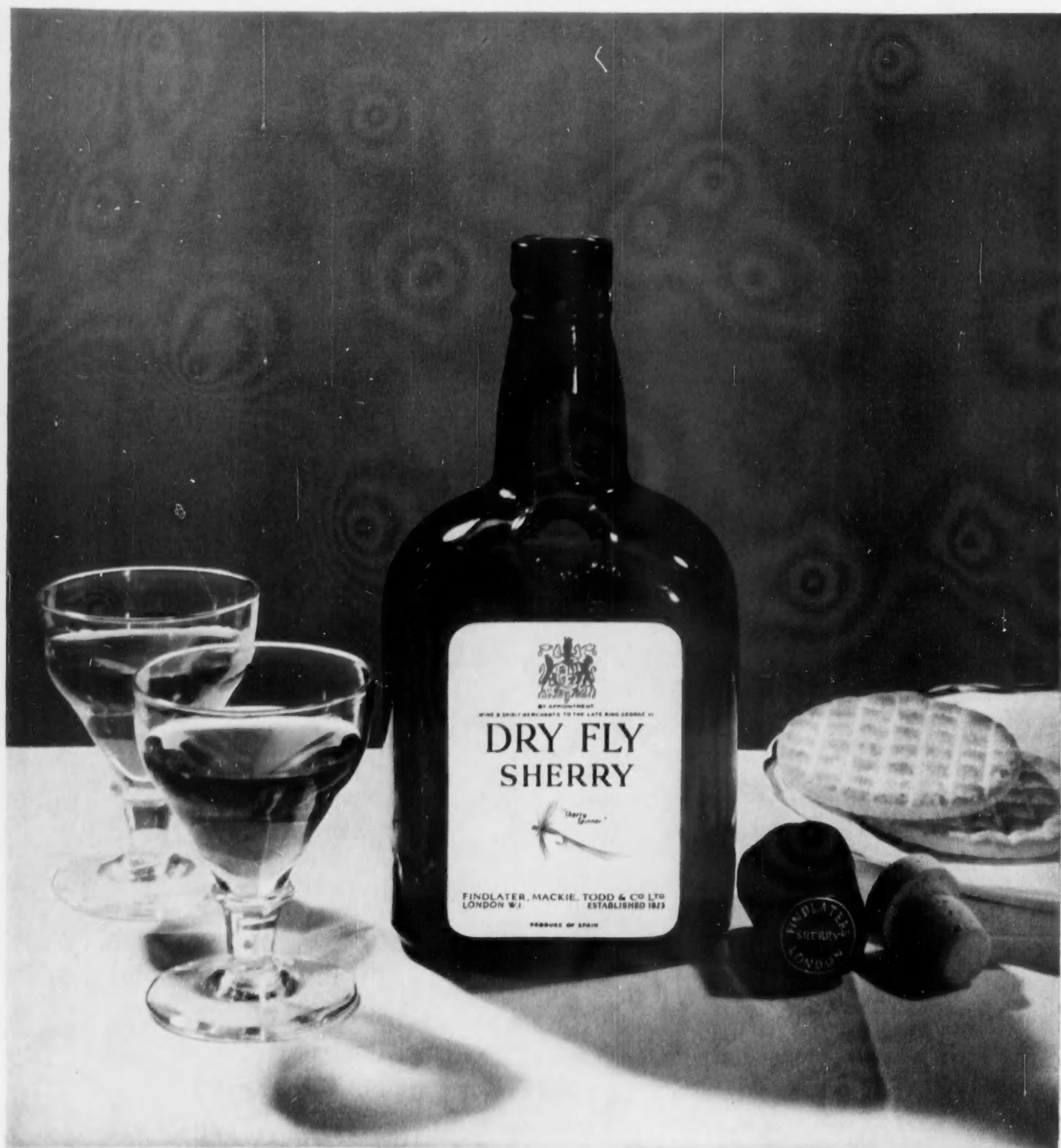
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TAKING BRITAIN ABROAD

IF Athene sprang from the brain of Zeus fully armed, that may have been all right in Athens, but the successful British institutions are always those which evolve slowly in response to changing circumstances. That observation is relevant to more than one situation now engaging public attention, but it is, in fact, one of many pertinent remarks made by Sir David Kelly in the foreword of the annual report of the British Council, of which he is chairman. Some indication of the pace at which the Council has evolved is evident from the fact that in twenty-two years its annual expenditure, on its world-wide task of spreading knowledge of the British way of life, has grown from £6,000 to £3,207,961 (of which about one-eighth is recovered in students' fees, subsistence charges, sales of books and the like).

Whenever the need for economy in Government expenditure is raised, the British Council is almost certain to be mentioned by some politicians and newspapers. Sir David Kelly shows an awareness of this vigilance and of the "myths" (as he calls them) which animate the critics—like the vision of "long-haired men" at the Council's headquarters "continually sending Morris dancers to the Fiji Islands." Without sharing such delusions, the taxpayer is rarely moved to protest at their unfairness, probably because of a feeling that it is the sort of thing the Council might do if its broadly phrased authority to spend money on the promotion of "cultural relations" was not counterbalanced by the lively attention of those who distrust any such linking of public funds with an enthusiasm for "culture."

Turning from familiar fictions to published facts relating to 1955-56, we find that the greater part of the report of the Council is devoted to its work in teaching the English language overseas, a purpose mentioned conspicuously in its Royal Charter. That English is spoken by many more millions outside these islands than in them is generally, if vaguely, realised. The report gives that fact a precision which is impressive. English, it says, is "more widely used than it, or any other language has ever been before." English is being used increasingly as the international language of science and technology. Half the world's output of literature on scientific research has been published in English. So the Council is justified in claiming English as "the language of opportunity, of affairs and of international communication."

The British Council's work over 22 years has contributed much to this prospect of English becoming a universal language. With that diffusion of knowledge of English an interest is developed, inevitably, in English literature, in

British achievements in art and in the sciences—an interest which the Council is equipped to foster efficiently. This, alone, is a service of inestimable value to Britain and the Commonwealth. If it were possible to put a cash value on the work, there would still remain an aspect which no monetary terms could measure, representing a great contribution to international understanding and therefore to the peace of the world.

Of the many visits to Britain by representative Russian delegations during the past twelve months (and the Council has played a part in twenty-six of them) undoubtedly the Bolshoi Ballet won the greatest goodwill. The counterpart to that was the production of *Hamlet* in Russia by a British company, and the performances of Sir Arthur Bliss's party of musicians. Yet the Council's expenditure on the arts is less than three per cent. of its grants. There is some evidence this year of a little more attention to technology, but here would seem to be a valuable field for increasing the facilities available to overseas students.

THE COHORTS

BACK from the mountain, meadow, distant shore

Each legion comes, obedient to the call
Of time and place, till all

The sky pulsates with beating wings. And still they pour

In endless stream to the horizon's frieze,

The winter tracery of the waiting wood.

They wheel and turn; hover awhile and brood

Above. Then sink like falling leaves into the trees.

One diamond point pierces the western gloom.

A dog-fox barks; far-off, a lone ship calls.

A last wind ruffles the naked boughs. Then stillness falls:

The rooks are home.

DOROTHY JACOB

THE PLANT BREEDER AT WORK

THERE exist a great number of apple varieties, and one may wonder if there is any call for more. A little thought, however, reminds one how often frosts damage the developing flowers, and to what lengths growers have to go to try to reduce this damage. Varieties which are frost-resistant, or which flower late enough to escape frosts, are clearly of great value, but there are few of either. Of these two lines of approach the latter seems the more promising, and at the East Malling Research Station an extensive breeding programme is being carried out, in which good but early-flowering apples are being crossed with some poor quality kinds, mainly of French or German origin, which flower well into June. Over 10,000 seedlings a year are being raised. Fortunately for the breeder faced with the problem of planting space, there is a correlation between late flowering and late leafing, so that the seedlings can be thinned to about ten per cent. their first spring. A contrasting breeding quest is that for a spineless gooseberry, which would indeed be a boon. Crossing gooseberry with blackcurrant produces a spineless plant which is, however, sterile. Colchicine treatment results in doubling the chromosome number and consequent fertility, but fruit of relatively small size. Now in progress is a series of back-crossings with the gooseberry which will, it is hoped, result in spineless plants with good-sized fruits.

RABBIT CLEARANCE

THE aim of every farmer and estate owner should be a rabbit-free holding, and his proud boast that he will not tolerate rabbits on his land. This is the high purpose which Lord St. Aldwyn, who is in charge of the Ministry of Agriculture's rabbit campaign, sets before us, and it is certainly true that the damage which our farms and forests will suffer in after years will depend on the number of rabbits that are missed this winter. Nearly everyone subscribes to the desirability of pursuing every rabbit that appears, but some occupiers are much more determined than others. Those who do not take any effective action can be a great nuisance to their neighbours, and rightly the county agricultural executive committees have been told to

enforce the provisions of the Pests Act where owners are unco-operative. Sir James Turner, of the N.F.U., Lord Newport, for the C.I.A., and Mr. Gooch, for the agricultural workers, have given the Ministry's campaign their blessing, and local committees representing these interests are to work actively with the county committees. The Ministry is pressing landowners to take advantage of the 50 per cent. grant towards the cost of clearing scrubland and the county committees are made responsible for dealing with rabbits on commonland at public expense. For everyone there is the subsidy on gassing powder which provides the easiest and most humane way of getting rid of rabbits now that they are underground.

A NEW FIELD STUDIES CENTRE

IT is good to know that the demand for places at the Field Studies Council's various centres is increasing so much that a new centre is to be opened in the spring at Preston Montford, near Shrewsbury. This will bring the number of the Council's centres up to five: the others are Flatford Mill, on the Essex-Suffolk border; Juniper Hall, in Surrey; Dale Fort, with its subsidiary Skolholm Bird Observatory, in Pembrokeshire, and Malham Tarn, in Yorkshire. A feature of the programme of the new centre is the number of countryside courses that are to be run. These, which are to be held also at the other centres, are intended to appeal especially to secondary modern schools and, assuming that they cover a wide range of subjects, should do much to instil a lasting curiosity about the countryside and its problems in children from the towns. There is also to be a course at Preston Montford on the history and ecology of woodlands and the principles of forest management, besides courses in geography and geology, for which Shropshire is well suited. The Council is to be congratulated on its contribution to the development of field studies, especially in view of its slender income.

TEST MATCH REWARDS

EVEN lovers of cricket may incline now and then to think that there are almost too many Test matches. Pakistan, India, the Australians, and now South Africa—we can scarcely escape from the news of them. However, there is at any rate good news for some of those who play in them. Those who play for England will in future get £100 a match instead of £75, and, considering the amount of interest they create and the crowds that come to see them, assuredly no one will grudge them their relatively modest reward. The twelfth man, the umpires and the scorers will likewise get a rise. There is where-withal to pay these sums since the profit on the last series was over £160,000. The usual subsidies to the counties will no doubt be very welcome, since, in contrast with the success of the Test matches and possibly even because of it, the attendance at County Championship matches was the lowest since the war. In the first year after the war the figure was 2,200,910. Last year it was 1,174,079.

IN PRAISE OF POETRY BY HEART

THE Governor-General of Canada, Mr. Vincent Massey, has been giving a teachers' convention what many people will think admirable advice. He wants them to read the children good poetry and make them learn it by heart. It will, he says, arm them against "the cheapness and vulgarity, ugliness and crudeness" which will assail them in life. He was himself, Mr. Massey added, grateful for having been made to commit poems to heart when at school. So are numberless other people, and not only at school but at home also. Of course, there will always be the difficult question: what is meant by "good" poetry. Many of us will hope that its limitations are not so narrow as to exclude one old and dear friend, *The Lays of Ancient Rome*. Whether they are poetry may be questioned, but they are found most stirring and romantic by the young, and they stick wonderfully in the mind. Start many an elderly gentleman off with "Lars Porsenna of Clusium" and with a little inevitable stumbling he will go on till, mingled with admiration of his memory, there is a general desire to stop him.

A COUNTRYMAN'S NOTES

By IAN NIALL

WHEN I arrived at the cottage at the week-end I was given news of a casualty among the chickens. A cockerel, one of those being fattened for Christmas, has gone wobbly on his legs. Light Sussex are not particularly solid on their legs at six months, I believe, and this bird was said to have gout. The news rather took my breath away. I was prepared to laugh, for I had never heard of a chicken with gout. One must be careful what one says about this complaint. Those who suffer from gout will not have it taken lightly. It is a most painful affair. My father-in-law used to complain of it, and I was inclined to believe that it had something to do with his taste for good wine, but he rarely admitted that it was. The Light Sussex cock may have sneaked out of the run and made his way to the potting shed, where a barrel of wine sits on a stand. Perhaps he had looked upon the wine more often than a red-combed cockerel should, but this seemed rather far-fetched. On the other hand, the grapes were not thinned as they should have been and a good number have gone wrong. Could it be that the bird had contracted gout as a result of eating too many fermenting grapes?

THE cockerel was brought in. He had a good bright comb which, unlike the signs of high-living in humans, is just how I think a healthy bird should look. His eye was bright, too. If his liver was bad, he didn't show any peevishness and he pecked at the food that was put down for him. I think he probably devoured more than he might otherwise have done, but he simply could not stand. Some people call this ailment gout, I was told, and some rheumatics. Does a gouty cockerel have a swollen foot? No, the sufferer's feet were apparently normal. It had been rather damp, and perhaps he had contracted rheumatics in the longer grass of the new run.

The gouty one should do well: wrapped in a piece of blanket and lying in a box in the comfort of the kitchen, he has nothing to do but eat and drink, which should be just to his liking. There is only one danger, and this has happened before. There are several weeks to go yet before his time is up, and meanwhile he may become so much of a pet that no one will agree to having him killed.

A GREY afternoon found me down on the shore watching an enthusiastic sea angler digging for bait. When the light began to fail and the incoming tide forced the digger to give up, he came past me with his spade and bait can, and we fell into conversation about sea fishing, which varies from season to season. My last expedition with a sea rod was marred by the work I had to do beforehand excavating for lugworms, but I came home with an assortment of codling and whiting and a net that contained no fewer than thirty-two flatfish. I fished until about three o'clock in the morning, and the best fish I caught was a codling. I mentioned this to the sea angler, who seemed to be a much better bait-digger than I am, and he said that not long ago he had caught half a codling. The other half had been taken by a large conger eel which he was glad he had not been able to land, for he had been fishing from a boat and a good conger can be more than a match for even two men in a rowing boat.

THIS brought to mind a story told by a man I met in Ireland a year or two ago. Our conversation took place on a bus on which I was travelling with my fishing rod and bag as luggage. My neighbour remarked that he liked all sorts of fishing and had been stationed, while in the Army, at a very good sea-fishing place on the coast of southern Ireland. Congers were often caught in the harbour of this little place and they were usually outside specimens.



INVITATION TO THE WALK

A. Pilati

One day, when the tide was out, my informant was walking along the harbour wall when he looked down and saw an enormous conger eel that had evidently been stranded when it forced its head into a cast-iron pipe. At once he called for help and, with five other soldiers, jumped down to the mud armed with a large hammer and a length of rope. The rope was tied round the body of the giant eel and five men took hold of it while the sixth stood over the pipe and delivered a great blow with the hammer. Two blows were all that were needed to break the pipe, but although it had been planned to deliver another to kill the eel, this could not be done, for at once the eel lashed out and put the five men down in the mud. They held on grimly while the eel writhed and snapped. The man with the hammer swung again and this time managed to bury the hammer in the mud. Five black figures struggled and cursed while he tried again. This time the eel was incapacitated and hauled away to solid ground, but when it was about to be given a last blow it came to and knocked its captors over like ninepins. The hammer was rushed up and the coup de grâce administered. The eel, I was told, was the thickness of a man's thigh and roughly 8 ft. in length.

GULLS may not be as entertaining as rooks or jackdaws—they lack the character of the crow tribe—but they are fascinating in their coming and going. They nest on the cliff above the cottage and a number roost there in winter. Sometimes, when their cry is particularly

monotonous, one wishes them far away, but weatherwise people profess to hear some significance in the cry of gulls. It always rains, they say, when the gulls are protesting. I am not sure about this. I think they just like the sound of their own voices and cry to outdo one another. The other day, however, I saw that the gulls were sailing in tight circles and not calling at all, while the jackdaws were huddling on the chimneys. A north-west wind was blowing, although it was a light wind. I fancied that the gulls were warming themselves. They were over chimneys, and the upcurrent must have been carrying a certain amount of warm air from the chimneys to them. I mentioned this to an old man, who said he had watched the gulls for most of his life and always noticed that they came to sail over the village when the wind was in a particular direction. When it turned extremely cold they went back to the shore and huddled in groups on the sand.

GULLS are said to go inland at the approach of bad weather, but I am not sure that they do. They go inland when food is scarce on the sea-board and ploughing is in full swing and there are plenty of earthworms to be had, but I am inclined to think that they find the sea air more agreeable when it is very cold. Quite a number of winter migrants seem to come down to us when the ground farther inland is frozen or snowbound. The tideline rarely freezes. Even rooks and jackdaws are aware of this and feed on the shore when things are particularly difficult inland.

THE FUTURE OF COMMONS

By GARTH CHRISTIAN

"FOR what purposes, if any, are the commons of your parish being used?" enquires a memorandum recently submitted to a company of South Country villagers.

"Our commons," reads their reply, "are used for exercise by Mrs. Parson's geese."

The statement is illuminating. What of the dour, red-faced cattle, the flocks of placid sheep which, less than 40 years ago, found much of their food in the territories of numerous stonechats and whinchats, red-backed shrikes and nightjars nesting on these heaths? What of the commoners who exercised rights of pannage about these acres, driving their pigs along heathland tracks that may well have been familiar to men who fought at Agincourt?

Change comes as silently to the social and economic structure of the countryside as the

do not know. "We think that our common," writes a councillor, "is owned by Eaton College [sic], but we aren't sure."

Of some 25 commons, comprising more than 2,500 acres, known to me in Sussex, there are at least seven where commoners' rights have not been exercised for several decades. In 10 parishes of the area, there are doubts about the identity of the commoners. In at least 17 parishes, however, grazing rights are still exercised, though often to a declining extent.

Hence the eagerness with which many countrymen are looking forward to the Report of the Royal Commission on Commonland. For the open heaths, which contribute so much to the beauty of the English scene and the wealth of its flora and fauna, are imperilled by the conflicting claims for land. Our farms are likely to

Yet the townsman who delights in the rich colouring of the bracken in the dying months of the year, or the sight of fieldfares flying out of the December sun to roost beneath the gorse and grass, sees only half the picture. Frequently he fails to realise that the 1,500,000 acres of commonland in England and Wales owe their existence to the ancient rights of the commoners to use or carry away part of the natural produce of another man's soil.

The commoners do not own the heath. Their traditional privileges are usually confined to the right of each man to graze as many cattle, horses, or sheep—and sometimes pigs, goats, and geese—as he can maintain on his own land in winter. In many parishes he may, "in common" with certain of his fellows, enjoy the right to cut bracken, seize wood for firing or for



STUDLAND HEATH, DORSET: COMMONLAND IN THE HARDY COUNTRY. The future of such commons is in doubt and is at present the subject of an enquiry by a Royal Commission

new growth in the woods. The seasons pass and we hardly notice it. Then the felling of familiar trees, the building of a vast new school shakes the memory and impressions of the past come tumbling into the mind. The silver birches bordering the wood are taller by 5 ft.; a television set and a cocktail cabinet stand in the farm-house where a horn window used to be. Suddenly we realise that bracken is swamping the grass and heather on the common. Seedlings of birch and pine and oak, no longer crushed beneath the feet of cattle or nibbled by the rabbits, grow unhindered. Then fire sweeps through the area in springtime, banishing the last stonechats and expelling the few remaining red-backed shrikes.

"It didn't used to happen," say villagers, who recall the days when the commoners needed much bedding for their horses. Even as late as the 1940s, motorists driving south to the coast frequently found their progress slowed by cattle grazing beside the roads that bordered the commons.

Yet to-day, when no heaths are too remote to attract the tourist, motorists who picnic on the edge of the commons are rarely disturbed by inquisitive cows. Indeed, if one asks parish clerks who is the local lord of the manor and which farmers of the neighbourhood claim commoners' rights, it is surprising how often they

lose 35,000 acres in each of the next 20 years, 70 per cent. of it to new housing. This fact alone makes it unlikely that public opinion will tolerate the neglect of commons where the manorial system has collapsed and only the bracken thrives.

Indeed, the situation to-day may be compared with that of 1865. At that time red brick villas, rich in crinkum-crankum ornaments, spread across so much heathland that a few enlightened individuals founded the Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society. Men no longer remembered the murmurings of William Cobbett about the "villainously ugly" heaths of the Ashdown Forest. They forgot, too, the complaints of Sylls Neville, the 18th-century diarist, who found the downland near Eastbourne, where Dartford warblers bred, both "hilly and unpleasant and fit only for sheep walks." Turner had taught men to watch the daily drama of the setting sun; now they shared with George Borrow's gypsies a delight in the wind on the heath.

These pleasures have been rediscovered in recent years by a growing army of urban motorists. On the commons one may picnic beside pools of marsh gentians, listen in the morning to the splendid song of woodlarks and hear at nightfall the harsh, eerie music of nightjars.

the repair of ancient buildings—but not for new buildings or for sale.

Only the lord of the manor may take game or rabbits from the heath. He enjoys the ordinary rights of ownership, writes Mr. Humphrey Baker, consultant to the Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society, "limited only by the rights of the commoners and the statutory prohibitions against inclosure."

When commoners fail to exercise their rights over a period of more than 20 years, these may possibly be considered lost by abandonment. Thus the factor responsible for the very existence of the common disappears.

Even a season's neglect can change the appearance of a common. The decline of the rabbit enables the gorse, broom and other shrubs, as well as young trees, to grow amid the advancing heather. It is not long before the warblers, the moths and the butterflies clearly benefit from the swift transformation. Yet, if left alone, the scrub rapidly matures into a miniature wood in which the familiar flowers and birds of the open heaths can no longer thrive.

In fact, it is rare for this to happen. Frequently, fire destroys the scrub, leaving a blackened desert of little use to domestic beast or wild creature. In some districts of the south these heath fires are so frequent that the fire brigades may deliberately "burn off" large



NEW FOREST HEATHLAND, NEAR LYNDHURST, HAMPSHIRE, DECLARED BY THE COMMONERS TO BE A T.T. AREA. Such precautions might, the author suggests, be copied by other commoners who shrink from exposing their stock to the risk of infection on the commons

stretches of commonland in order to forestall mischievous fire-raisers, who may start fires at inconvenient times. Besides impoverishing the soil and gravely harming many shrubs and bog plants, these annual fires inflict very real cruelty on wild life. Yet occasional fires, at least, are inevitable if the commons are under-grazed. When rabbits are absent and the soil not too poor, a burnt-off heath will often recover its age-old beauty with astonishing speed. The rare mosses and other bog plants, though, and the butterflies and moths may not soon reappear.

Fires might become less frequent if commoners made more use of electric fencing. This invention can ease the problems of many farmers whose fears for the safety of their cattle, in these days of heavy motor traffic, lead to under-grazed heaths. Meantime, commoners who shrink from turning their stock on to the commons because of the risks of infection from other beasts are deeply interested in developments amid the 90,000 acres of the New Forest. With its ancient, freely elected Court of Verderers, which guards the welfare of the commoners, the New Forest can hardly be considered typical; yet the decision of the commoners to declare their heathland a T.T. area is of more than local significance.

Members of the Royal Commission on Commonland, who have travelled far afield studying at first hand the new and progressive policies introduced on many heaths, will not lack ideas for practical management schemes which conform to sound husbandry without entirely robbing the public of their traditional freedom to roam at will.

At Hatherleigh Moor, Devon, for instance, the commoners keep a register of potboilers and collect subscriptions for the maintenance of the moor as a useful grazing area and the payment of the moor-man. Their committee, which

includes a member of the Devon Agricultural Executive Committee, have never lost sight of the need to maintain freedom of access, when possible, for the public. Similar live groups of commoners may be found at Tenbury Common, Worcestershire, and Bodmin Moor, Cornwall, while on the 130 acres of heath at Fernhurst, Sussex, one may find commoners cutting the

bracken who declare themselves "satisfied" with the existing situation.

When questioned about the use of some 200 acres of commonland near Petworth, a villager replied: "There's a bit of grazing done and a good deal of poaching." On some commons in many parts of Britain—Marley Common, Fernhurst, is a case in point—the lords of the manor



PONIES ON DARTMOOR. The wild life on the commons gives pleasure to thousands of urban dwellers



ANCIENT ARCHERY GROUND AT BARTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE. As such the land is protected from all encroachments

(the National Trust at Fernhurst) have planted trees which may enhance the beauty of the scene and produce a useful yield of timber. There can be little doubt that many stretches of commonland would be suitable for forestry (though this would entail the erection of fences and the limiting of public access for a period). That is one reason why so many expert foresters regard the frequent "burning off" of common land with such dismay. With each bad fire the soil becomes less suitable for tree-planting.

That only 20,000 acres of commonland were requisitioned for agriculture in the last war is significant. Heathlands are usually the poorest in the neighbourhood. They are often sour, ill-drained and deficient in vital plant foods and could be converted to agricultural production only at considerable expense. Beside the 150 acres of Midhurst Common, for example, is land once under cultivation which proved so unprofitable that it was abandoned and is now hardly distinguishable from the commonland.

Yet that is not always the case. Good crops have recently been grown on a few commons. There are parishes, too, where cultivated land on the edge of the heaths may be inferior to the common. I know of stretches of bracken

that might well grow good grass while a few hundred yards away are fields of second-rate pasture belonging to neighbouring holdings which produce little but snipe and lapwing. It should surely be made easier in such cases for the farmer to exchange his poor pasture for the equivalent area of heathland.

On one point there can be no doubts. Each common has a character of its own, a point emphasised to the Royal Commission by the Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society. A national uniform plan for the better use of what is mistakenly called waste land would produce little but heated controversy. Nor must it be forgotten that improved methods of husbandry or forestry, though not labelled "development," may gravely harm the scientific value of the heath. "Dram the land," say farmers—and the marsh gentians, the rare sedges and the mosses may die. "Destroy the gorse and sow with grass"—and the stonechats vanish. This point gains importance as modern farming techniques expel the hedgerows and banish the scrub. Sound management schemes on many heaths would enable commoners to take advantage of grants issued under the Hill Farming and Livestock

Rearing Acts. But there are some commons—and stretches of many more—where the recreational needs of the public and the preservation of wild life deserve priority even over the claims of food production.

Clearly, the Royal Commission face no easy task. How can they help the commoner and protect the public's traditional freedom to roam about the heather? Each common needs its practical management scheme which enables the commoner to plough in the bracken and sow with grass here while a neighbouring stretch of heath remains a wilderness where nightjars nest and wild violets grow. There an electric fence should enclose the T.T. cattle; here the children should play football not a hundred yards from the gorse where the reed buntings perch. Perhaps each common needs its League of Friends, comprising the lord of the manor and the commoners, the botanists and the ornithologists, the rector, the schoolmaster and the policeman.

For our commons will be well managed only if there are people on the spot who remember that the heath owes its very existence to such important creatures as Mrs. Parson's geese.

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CRICKET ON LINDFIELD COMMON, SUSSEX, WHERE THE GAME HAS BEEN PLAYED EVERY SEASON FOR MORE THAN 200 YEARS

AN EXTRAORDINARY SALMON SEASON

By KENNETH DAWSON

A SALMON-FISHING season is made or marred by two factors, supplies of fish and the weather, and it is difficult to say which is the more important. I write now, of course, of rod fishing, because the weather is not nearly so vital for the nets as for rods. Indeed, a very dry time, as, for example, 1921 for the summer of 1955, actually favours the seine nets working in the river estuaries, because the lack of spates keeps the fish for weeks, or even months on end in tidal water, running the gauntlet on each tide. On the other hand, a wet spring or summer allows fish to run through into the fresh water with little delay, and the toll levied on the shoals is not so great.

In the course of a fishing experience which goes back to 1910 I have never known such an extraordinary year as 1956. The weather was queer enough. First came a prolonged spring drought which lasted through February until the end of May. In these four

Grilse are a completely unpredictable crop, some years abundant, others very scarce, but, in my experience, if grilse are coming at all they will begin to appear in the nets by mid-June, and July sees the peak of the runs, which may continue in lessening numbers through August. Until 1956 I had never known an exception to this time-table.

By mid-August, the rains of July—a fairly wet month with 6.29 inches compared with an average of 4.38 inches—and of early August had raised the levels of all rivers, but it seemed that the good fishing water had come too late to do anglers any good. But, as Chaytor so rightly said: "One thing you may be sure of about a salmon, you never can tell what he will do, or when he will do it." And in mid-August both salmon and grilse began to appear in the pools in numbers far greater than at any previous time during the season. They were not "potted" fish which had been in the estuaries for weeks or

considerable percentage of the grilse migrated as one-year smolts. Of course there is nothing very remarkable in smolts going to sea in their second spring at the age of about 15 months. About 5 per cent. do so in English rivers, whereas 90 per cent. wait one year and another 5 per cent. two years longer. But for one-year smolts to come back as grilse definitely merits the term "extraordinary," because the longer a fish stays in fresh water after birth the shorter time it normally spends in the sea, and vice versa, and the one-year smolts usually remain 2½-3 years.

Four years ago I had a case of a one-year smolt returning as a grilse, and I wrote to Mr. P. R. C. Macfarlane, of the Scottish Home Office, asking if he had had any experience of this happening. In his reply he said: "We have recorded a few of these in earlier investigations. One came from the Solway Dee in 1928, and another in 1929, and three from the Tweed in 1930."



SEPTEMBER SALMON-FISHING ON THE RIVER TAVY, IN DEVON. This year salmon did not appear in the rivers in large numbers until mid-August and September, and the grilse were much smaller than usual

months my gauge registered 5½ inches of rain against a 20-year average of 15½ inches.

The next two months were about averagely wet, but the country was so dry that when rain did fall the thirsty land sucked it up greedily, and little reached the shrunken rivers. Even those which rise in great moorland regions like Dartmoor were only slightly better off, because the few floods ran off so quickly that they were of little use to salmon fishers, until the deluges in the second half of August.

But if the weather was odd the salmon were a great deal odder. In a normal year the nets would have reaped a great harvest in the long drought, but spring salmon were remarkably scarce in most places, and for all practical purposes this part of the season was a complete failure. In one week of April a single salmon was caught in 34 miles of the Wye, and this at what should be the peak of the early fishing.

At the end of June and early in July nets in many rivers at last found salmon fairly plentiful for the first time. But in most cases this proved to be only a flash in the pan, and when the end of July came with few salmon and hardly any grilse being caught, those of us who are interested in the salmon, not only from the catching point of view, wrote off the year as probably the worst in living memory, even worse than 1929, 1930 and 1938.

months waiting for running water, but all fresh as paint, as bright as any clean springer, and many had that hall-mark of quality—sea lice. These fish continued to run right through September, and a few even later.

In other ways too they were extraordinary. First, they were less developed sexually than is normally the case in September, the milt and ova being more like what one expects to find several months earlier. Second, they, especially the grilse, were far smaller than usual. A normal weight for early grilse in June is 4-4½ lb., in July they run 5-5½ lb., and by August quite a number will scale 6-7 lb. But this year, in late September, fresh-run grilse weighing no more than 4 lb. were common, and in the Wye, of all rivers, the majority of the fish caught during September were grilse weighing 3-6 lb.

How extraordinary this is is emphasised by the results of the experimental late netting carried out by the Devon River Board in the estuary of the Taw and Torridge in the autumn of 1955. Quite a number of the fish caught were very large grilse, the three biggest weighed 14, 15 and 16 lb., and there were 18 others of 12 lb. or over. Yet these leviathans had had only a few weeks longer feeding in the sea than the midgits of 3-4 lb. caught in late September, 1956. The third extraordinary fact was that in the Exe and other Devon rivers quite a

Are there any clues which help us account for all these extraordinary happenings? What caused the scarcity of spring fish it is impossible to say. Was it lack of suitable food when the smolts reached salt water? If so, why were the summer fish not affected to the same extent? Why were the grilse so small? There is a fairly obvious answer to this, for growth of fish, both in fresh and in salt water, is governed almost entirely by one factor, the quantity and quality of the food available. So feeding in the sea this summer would appear to have been extremely poor. What other explanation is there? Moreover, further evidence of this is afforded by the fact that throughout the season many of the salmon were thin and well below the normal weight for length.

Why the main run of grilse and summer salmon began only in mid-August instead of in June is anybody's guess. Why so many of the one-year smolts of 1955 returned as grilse, contrary to the usual procedure, is another mystery. It certainly wasn't due to extra good feeding in the sea, and so there goes one of my pet theories which I have held for long enough—that good grilse years were possibly caused by a super-abundance of food in salt water causing earlier sexual maturity. The salmon is a great debunker of theories, and the more one learns about it the less one seems to know.

AN HISTORIC TOBACCO BOX

By J. R. YORKE-RADLEIGH

IN 1796 there came before Lord Chancellor Loughborough in the Chancery Division a remarkable case involving a tobacco box, belonging to a dining club and said originally to have cost fourpence. One of the members of the club, to whom the box was entrusted during his year of office, had refused to give it up on the expiry of his term.

The plaintiffs were members of a club called the Past Overseers' Society of St. Margaret and St. John, Westminster, which exists to this day. The club consisted of persons who had either served the office of overseer of the poor of that parish, or, more likely, had bought themselves out of the office. It originated as an 18th-century dining club, meeting in a tavern, and it continues as a dining club, meeting once a year, on the last Wednesday in November, within two miles of St. Margaret's, Westminster.

One of the original members had, in 1713, presented the society with a horn tobacco box, of no intrinsic value, for use at the dinner. By 1765 the custom was established of passing on the box each year to the custody of a new member with the injunction that he should produce it next year, with some embellishment added. It was customary to add some small silver plaque on which was often inscribed a brief account of an important event which had taken place during the preceding year. In this case the holder of the box, one Mr. Read, refused to deliver it up to the senior churchwarden at the end of his year of office.

A small 3-ounce tobacco box would clearly not contain much space to permit of inscriptions being added each year. So the overseers solemnly decreed that when necessary a new box, slightly larger, should be added to encase the first box, and when this was completed another one to encase the second box and so on. As this has now gone on since 1713, the box has grown to something rather splendid. To-day there are seven boxes in all, the last of which, added in 1878, is 40 inches in height and 24 inches in diameter, and is called the Abbey Oaken Case, having been made from a beam from Westminster Abbey. This is surmounted by a domed cover with a statuette of Queen Victoria, and the whole is mounted on a plinth.

Some interesting historical events are recorded in the inscriptions. In 1746 a Hogarth engraving was added, commemorating the victory of the Duke of Cumberland at the Battle of Culloden. Another engraving depicts the Lord Chancellor delivering judgement in the case referred to above. Others commemorate such important events as the Battle of the Nile, the Conquest of Egypt, the Battle of Trafalgar, the destruction by fire of both Houses of Parliament in 1834, the 1851 Great Exhibition, the installation of Big Ben in 1856 and almost every Royal birth, marriage or death since the inscriptions were begun. The last original engraving on the box is in the plate added in 1927 recording the beginning of work on the new Lambeth Bridge.

In 1935 the society had either to provide a new and larger case, as there was no further room for inscriptions, or find some other way out. They eventually decided to utilise the cavity in the plinth. Sir Edwin Lutyens designed for this purpose a Tudor rose dish. There are now three of these, fitting into one another. The first is already full and the second was begun in 1954, with a picture of H.M.S. *Britannia* passing under Tower Bridge and the inscription: "Home-coming of H.M. The Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh from their Commonwealth Tour—23rd November 1953 to 15th May 1954." Last year's inscription records that Sir Anthony Eden succeeded Sir Winston Churchill as Prime Minister, that the Conservative party was returned to power after the General Election of May 26, "with an increased majority," and that a helicopter service now operates between the South Bank and London Airport.

At the time the suit in Chancery was brought the box was enclosed in two large silver cases "all of which were adorned with several engravings of public transactions and heads of distinguished persons." It was explained to the Court that the box and cases were always kept by the overseer for the time being, who upon coming into office received them from the churchwarden "with a particular charge, in which he was enjoined, under a penalty, to produce them at all meetings of the society, and to deliver them up on going out of office to the



1.—THE OUTERMOST CASE OF THE WESTMINSTER TOBACCO BOX, THE PROPERTY OF A DINING CLUB KNOWN AS THE PAST OVERSEERS' SOCIETY OF ST. MARGARET AND ST. JOHN, WESTMINSTER. The box was the cause of a court case in 1796, when the custodian for the year refused to hand it over to his successor

senior churchwarden, to be by him delivered to the succeeding overseer."

Mr. Read, on expiry of his term, refused to deliver them up unless the vestry would pass his accounts, in which they refused to allow him certain payments. A meeting was held, a resolution was passed and after some negotiation an action was brought and Read was arrested. Hanley and Byfield, two of the members, in whose name the action was brought, executed a release to Read, who delivered the box and cases to Hanley. An application was made to Mr. Justice Buller, in chambers, to set aside the release, but the application failed. A bill was then filed against Read, Hanley and Byfield to have the box and cases delivered up. They were ordered to be placed in the custody of Master Leeds. Mr. Fells was plaintiff on behalf of the members of the club.

It was proved by one Carteret that the box and cases were delivered to Read under the usual injunctions and conditions, to which he expressly consented. The defendants, Hanley and Byfield, insisted that the action was commenced without their authority. They had not attended the meeting, they said, though it had been regularly called.

For the plaintiffs, Mr. Mansfield and Mr. Cox cited the case of the Duke of Somerset v. Cookson. In this case, in 1735, the Duke sought to recover an old altar-piece made of silver, "remarkable for a Greek inscription and dedicated to Hercules. His Grace became entitled to it as treasure trove" as Lord of the Manor of Corbridge, in Northumberland. It had been sold by someone who had got possession of it to the defendant, a goldsmith in Newcastle,



2.—THE SUCCESSIVE LAYERS OF THE WESTMINSTER TOBACCO BOX. The original horn box and stopper of 1713 is in the middle at the front; the larger containers are covered with plaques giving details of main events in each custodian's term of office. The dates of the boxes are: 1748, first oval case; 1783, second oval case; 1791, octagon case; 1809, circular casket and lid; 1827, rosewood octagon cabinet. The outermost box, known as the Abbey Oaken Case, illustrated in Fig. 1, was made in 1878

who had notice of the Duke's claim. The Duke brought a bill in equity to compel the delivery of the altar-piece in specie, undamaged. Lord Chancellor Talbot decided that to permit the object to be retained by the defendant, allowing the plaintiff to recover only the intrinsic value, would be very hard—"nothing can be more reasonable than that the man who by wrong detains any property, should be compelled to restore it to me again in specie; and the law being defective in this particular, such defect is properly supplied in equity." And the Duke got back his silver altar-piece, establishing thereby the principle that where damages can be no compensation the thing of which the delivery is sought must be given up in specie.

Another case quoted was that of *Pusey v. Pusey*, in which in the year 1684 it was sought to recover a horn "which time out of mind had gone along with the plaintiff's estate." The Lord Keeper was of the opinion that if the land was held by the tenure of a horn, or cornage, the heir would be well entitled to the horn at law. And the plaintiff recovered his horn.

For the defendants the Attorney-General (Scott) argued that, these two cases apart, there was no case like the present one. He said that the Court might order title-deeds and heirlooms to be delivered up, and would not permit valuable things to be defaced; but except in these cases there was no instance of a decree specifically to deliver up a particular chattel.

Lord Chancellor Loughborough seemed to think the whole business was very petty and childish, saying: "I am sorry this cause has come into this Court; but the regret I feel is no other than that, one always feels, litigation and expence [sic] should have been occasioned by the peevishness and obstinacy of the parties. The value I cannot measure. The Pusey horn, the Patera of the Duke of Somerset, were things of that sort of value, that a jury might not give two-pence beyond the weight. It was not to be cast to the estimation of people, who have not those feelings. In all cases where the object of the suit is not liable to a compensation by damages, it would be strange if the law of this country did not afford any remedy. It would be great injustice if an individual cannot have his property without being liable to the

estimate of people who have not his feelings upon it."

His lordship then went on to compare this case with the two others cited, pointing out that in the present one possession was by a qualified title. The tobacco box was delivered upon an express trust, to keep it and to produce it at the meetings of the club, and, at the expiration of the office of the holder, to return it to the senior churchwarden, in order that it might be given to the next overseer; and the defendant accepted the trust on these conditions.

The plaintiffs were then declared entitled to possession of the box. "Let them receive it from the Master's office. Let all the Defendants pay the costs; and let the Defendant Read pay the costs at law."

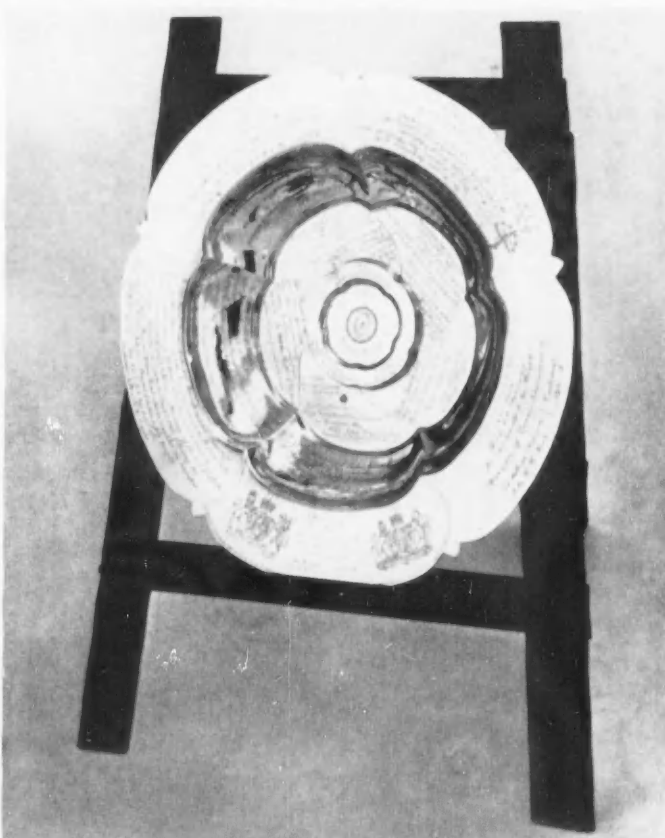
What of the Past Overseers' Society of St. Margaret and St. John, Westminster to-day? There are about 110 members, who pay a subscription of half a guinea a year. The following Westminster men (and women) are eligible for membership of the Society: rated occupiers for a period of not less than five years of property in the United Parishes of St. Margaret and St. John, directors or managers for the same period of companies occupying premises in the United Parishes, the Rector and Church Wardens, past and present, of St. Margaret and St. John, officers and servants of the Crown stationed for service in the United Parishes, the persons representing Westminster in Parliament or on the London County Council and members of the Westminster City Council.

There are always two custodians of the box, the senior and the junior, the latter of whom is promoted to senior in his second year of office, a new junior being appointed. At the annual dinner, after the loyal toast, the toast is to "The Immortal Memory of Nelson." (News of his death and the victory at Trafalgar reached the Society while they were enjoying a white-bait dinner at Greenwich. At once all present rose and drank the toast in silence. It has so continued ever since.) Then follows the Traditional Ceremony of the Box. The Chairman explains that the custodians are now required to restore the box and its appurtenances, that some ornament should have been added and that the original box should contain three

pipes of tobacco at the least.

The Chairman receives the original box, toasts the late custodians, charges the new custodians with the safe custody of the box and toasts them at the end of the ceremony.

Since the overseers of the poor were finally abolished in 1900 there is no further logical excuse for the continuance of the Society. As the Under-Master of Westminster School (Mr. J. D. Carleton) said at the 1949 dinner, "The thing about this Society is that it has absolutely no point." The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Fisher, present at the same dinner, summed up the Society thus: "This club is a typical English institution—formed for a function it has ceased to perform; an anomaly which nothing can excuse except its existence."



3.—ONE OF THREE TUDOR ROSE DISHES TO A DESIGN EXECUTED FOR THE SOCIETY BY SIR EDWIN LUTYENS IN 1935 AND KEPT IN THE PLINTH OF THE OUTER CASKET. This dish was fully inscribed by 1953



4.—PLAQUE ADDED IN 1783 SHOWING THE GOVERNORS AND DIRECTORS OF THE POOR ADMINISTERING RELIEF. (Right) 5.—LORD CHANCELLOR LOUGHBOROUGH DELIVERING JUDGEMENT FOR THE SOCIETY IN 1796

SHEEP OF THE WELSH MOUNTAINS

By JOHN L. JONES



WELSH EWES AND LAMBS IN THE MONTGOMERYSHIRE MOUNTAINS. These sheep are extremely hardy and are being increasingly bought by lowland farmers for crossing with other breeds

LAST autumn I accompanied a farmer friend from the south into the mountains of Cardiganshire in search of draft Welsh ewes. Our destination was a hill farm between Tregaron and the little village of Porthludygroes near Devil's Bridge. We drove up along the coast road from Fishguard. All along these wind-swept coastlands, especially near Aberayron, where the breakers were thundering within yards of the sheep, we saw thousands of the little white-faced Welsh ewes. It was the same white-faced breed when we began the climb over Plynlimmon, where the clear skies clouded and the rain was soon dropping like a curtain on the hills. It was cold and wet and what we humans call miserable, but the sheep paid no attention to the rain. They were grazing hard and contentedly on the poor vegetation of the roadside slopes. We turned into our destination down a long lane badly eroded by rainwater rivulets and came to a farm-house nestling in the lee of the fenced inbye land, in Wales the "ffridd." The rain was falling in cascades.

Fortune was kind to us that day, for after lunch the skies cleared and we were able to buy our sheep in comfort. They were in a fenced paddock in the ffridd, a hundred broken-mouthed ewes with long tails and alert faces, and they ran like deer until they saw the dogs. The farmer did a deal for four hundred pounds and the sheep were trucked back to Somerset. This was the first time for a decade that he had missed buying sheep from the Northern sales. Like a growing number of fat lamb producers he is now an annual visitor to the Welsh mountains for his grass-land ewes.

This spread of the Welsh ewe to areas traditionally associated with the farming of bigger sheep is

one of the most distinctive changes in to-day's pastoral picture. The logic is an economic one. In the times of quantity farming when size meant profit, the diminutive Welsh ewe had no place below the seven-hundred foot contour, and even in her own country the grass-land farmers seldom looked to their own hills as a

source of pastoral supply. Now her cheapness, her ability to produce a small lamb and her devoted mothering, which reduces shepherding costs in times of increasing stringency, have brought her into favour from the Cotswold escarpments to the Pembrokeshire sea.

The hardiness of the Welsh ewe is proverbial.

I know best a 3,000-acre farm in the Cardiganshire mountains where the sheep walks are scattered over three mountains. From the nearest crest the shepherd can point to cloud-capped neighbours eight miles away as the raven flies, the end of his shepherding stint in wild merciless country with hardly a visible stick of shelter from winter's rigours. Much of it has not even been surveyed and the rainfall is probably a hundred and twenty inches or more. This endless rain coupled with hard winter freezing is what makes the central Welsh massif harder for sheep than any other area in Britain.

The shepherd, a mild but independent man, took me to the top of the second mountain, a toilsome and, in small ways, hazardous climb with bogholes and little concealed stream gullies, rocky outcrops and patches of jelly peat bog. Surveying the kingdom of his sheep he recalled how last winter on a bitter morning when the breath was freezing on his face he and his fellow shepherd had set out after breakfast to gather what sheep they could and bring them down to the ffridd. They parted ways and arranged a rendezvous and then, having gathered his sheep, the shepherd started them down the mountain with the wethers leading. Then the sky began to blacken and with the sheep streaming to safety he whistled for Nell his dog, and turned to make his way to the rendezvous. The dog did not follow and he found



A WELSH EWE, PROBABLY THE BEST MOTHER OF THE MOUNTAIN BREEDS. The Welsh sheep has a fine, weather-proof fleece

her frozen stiff in the wake of the sheep. Nell was hoisted into his haversack and carried two miles to the meeting-point. Then the blizzard broke and the men, literally fighting their way in peril of their lives, had to abandon her. The second dog nearly froze to death and had to be left. Nell never returned, but the second dog crawled home just alive two days later.

These are the conditions in which the ruthless culling of climate has produced one of the world's hardest ewes. Not merely does she survive, scraping with her sharp foot for the few buds, the bilberry leaves, the molinia and nardus grasses of the mountainsides, but she produces and nourishes a lamb as well, though in the process of bringing it to live birth she may lose almost a half of her normal body-weight. So strong is her instinct of independent

Downland breeds—to the incomparable South-down, perhaps, for connoisseur lamb, or to a Ryeland or Hampshire or to the Wiltshire Horn, that enigmatic sheep without wool and, perhaps because of this, the fastest maturing of all the crosses.

I found a dramatic instance of the economic lure of the draft Welsh ewe in the case of a shrewd flockmaster whom I visited this autumn on his big sea-board farm on the southerly tip of Pembrokeshire. Out on the headlands near the Stackpole rocks, and in between the marram-covered dunes built up over the centuries by the sand-charged easterly winds, three hundred acres of waste land have been reclaimed and sown to pedigree grasses. The tract is swept by gales, and around February, when the east winds begin to blow, it is one of the most rigorous

from Montgomeryshire, and farm and sheep walk will carry up to fifteen hundred breeding ewes.

This Pembrokeshire flockmaster, changing from Scotch Halfbreds to Welsh, will of course pay a penalty in wool. Welsh wool is fine and has what the factors call a soft, springy handle. The staple is short and the best of it is used for high-class work in shawls and flannel, but the fleece is light and weighs from two to three pounds. Like all mountain breeds whose weatherproof fleece means the difference between death and survival, the Welsh has a percentage of kemp or hairy fibre in its fleece, unique to the breed; the kemp is often red. These red fibres will not take dye. Red kemp was once widely held to be the badge of supreme hardiness and rams with this attribute were in high demand.



SHEPHERDING WELSH WETHERS AND EWES ON A CARDIGANSHIRE FARM. On the large mountain farms the shepherd may have to ride ten miles or more to the end of his stint

foraging that she will refuse hand feeding even in prolonged periods of the hardest frosts and is almost capable of choosing death to food provided.

What happens to these wild shy sheep when they come from these rigours to the soft winters and pampering fare of lowland farming? The farmer at once finds that he has to alter his ideas of what constitutes a sheep-proof fence. It is not so much as jumpers as for their capacity to crawl like cats through small holes that the Welsh ewes are remarkable. The flockmaster may also find that long tails may add to the danger of strike by flies. But in general the ewes are trouble-free. The transition from scarcity to plenty at a time when the ewe is bare after finishing her lamb is the ideal flushing for her autumn run with the ram and ensures a high fertility. A fall of up to an average of one and a quarter lambs per ewe is not uncommon.

It is, of course, only mature mountain ewes that can be farmed in this way. Apart from the fact that they are mostly needed for flock replacements the unlambed yearlings—in the north they are called gimmers—would almost certainly get too fat and fail to lamb. With the old ewe it is different. She has lambed several times and, being broken-mouthed, she does not eat as much as a younger ewe; she is usually kept only one year—at most two—and then sold with her lamb. The Welsh are usually crossed to one of the

spots on the Welsh coast. But it will be the ideal place for the Welsh ewe to roam. Here she will find a unique combination of winter plenty tempered with climatic rigours to remind her of home and a wild vegetation on the dunes where she can exercise her initiative in foraging when the wind burns off the grass. The flock will be a flying one, renewed each year

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But it is not now held in such high esteem, for its harmful effect on the value of the fleece can greatly decrease the wool cheque, which is today an important part of the hill farmer's turnover.

On many farms the draft Welsh ewe has come into favour too as the matrix of the new breed of Welsh Halfbred produced on the model of the north. She is crossed with the great Border Leicester breed, which has the capacity to stamp uniformity on the most mixed batches of ewes. The Welsh Halfbred ewes are growing in popularity, especially in the south and along the Border counties.

It is to be hoped that this renaissance of demand for the draft Welsh ewe will not increase the problem of overstocking, which is already a serious one in the Welsh mountains. The summering capacity of these sheepwalks is far greater than their capacity to feed stock in the winter. Traditionally the ewe lambs go away to a lower altitude to purchased grass which enables them to grow and also releases the moorland in the spring for the lambing ewes. There are signs that the lowland farmers will look increasingly to the Welsh hills for cheap grass-land ewes in the years ahead. The key issue is the winter on the mountain and it is heartening that the Ministry of Agriculture has now established a research hill farm in Cardiganshire to study all the problems affecting the life and death of the little white-faced Welsh ewe.

# HOW TO INCREASE PARTRIDGE STOCKS

**T**HE serious decrease in the number of partridges in Britain, during the past few years, has reached an alarming peak in many counties. Most country people and shooting men know the causes. First, three successive bad breeding seasons; heavy rains and cold weather either ruined the eggs or killed the chicks. Second, the increasing mechanisation of arable land has meant fewer winter stubbles on which the birds could scratch a living in hard weather. It has also meant infinitely more casualties from mowing machines among sitting birds. Third, the wholesale ploughing-up of headlands and rough grass verges and the bulldozing of hedgerows have meant fewer safe nesting sites and the loss of grass seeds, berries and other wild foods, which, in bitter weather, meant the difference between starvation and survival. Fourth, certain crop sprays,

By J. WENTWORTH DAY

| Plant food  | 1 to 7 days | 8 to 14 days | 15 to 21 days | Over 21 days |
|-------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| (per cent.) | 4.7         | 9.3          | 47.5          | 96.7         |
| Animal food |             |              |               |              |
| (per cent.) | 95.3        | 90.7         | 52.5          | 3.3          |

The insects eaten in the first three weeks included spring-tails, aphides, leaf hoppers, caterpillars, weevils, ants and their pupae, beetles and spiders.

The weeds and seeds eaten included grass seed, buttercup seed and chick-weed seed, with blades of grass, flowers, flower buds, chiefly buttercup, a certain amount of unripe barley and wheat, some clover and a large amount of leaves of various weeds.

Later, an investigation was carried out on the crops of 429 adult English partridges and 29

insects amount to little more than one-eighth of the food eaten in those months. Ants are eaten more than any other insect.

Partridges often feed where farm-yard manure lies on the field and one imagines they are eating insects and grubs. Actually, they are usually picking out the grains and seeds in the manure.

In September fallen corn forms a really high proportion (three-quarters) of the food. By November little scattered grain is left on the unploughed stubbles which have been left for leys, and in October and November grain drops to one-quarter of their diet.

During late autumn partridges eat a lot of weed seeds on the stubbles (in October-November more than a third). The quantity of knot grass seed alone eaten in those months puts the farmer in debt to the partridge. Incidentally,



COVEY OF PARTRIDGES OVER STUBBLE IN OXFORDSHIRE. The decrease in the number of partridges can be checked, says the author, by greater attention to winter feeding

now likely to be controlled by law, have caused a mortality among various birds, including many partridges.

One remedy for this progressively gloomy state of affairs is winter feeding. In Hungary they make a fine art of it. Here we neglect it. Yet the partridge is the backbone of English shooting. He is also one of the farmer's best friends—an unceasing destroyer of noxious insects and weed seeds. So let us examine the food of the partridge.

An illuminating investigation was made a few years ago by the Bureau of Animal Population at Oxford, aided by a grant from I.C.I. The detailed results were published in the *Journal of Animal Ecology*, Vol. 6, pp. 322-36, 1937, by Helen Chitty and A. D. Middleton, and also in Vol. 7, pp. 251-65, 1938, under the title *The Food of Partridge Chicks, *Perdix perdix**, in Great Britain, by John Ford, Helen Chitty and A. D. Middleton.

Analyses were made of 69 crops of English chicks from various parts. The results showed that the diet was mainly animal food for the first three weeks, after which the chicks changed to plant food. Most of the chicks examined had been killed by mowing machines. The following percentages show the volume of plant and animal foods eaten by chicks in different age classes.

red-legs. The outstanding discovery was the enormous quantity of green food eaten in winter and spring—more than two-thirds of the total volume in winter, rising to 92 parts in every 100 in the spring. This, Mr. Middleton points out, is a strong argument in support of winter feeding, for a diet composed entirely of green food (clovers and grasses) is probably one of necessity rather than choice. If grain and seed were available from December to May, the green foods might be greatly reduced.

This analysis, coupled with the subsequent catastrophic decrease in partridge stocks, emphasises the urgent need for every farmer and shooting tenant to winter-feed his partridges regularly, year after year. The farmer not only enhances the value of his shooting rents, but he makes sure that first-class destroyers of weeds and weed seeds are kept hard at work on his farm throughout the year.

One surprising result of this investigation was the discovery that adult partridges do not take nearly as many insects as they have always been credited with. For years, nearly every book on game birds had emphasised that partridges live largely on insects. This investigation showed that insect food forms only one-fortieth part of a full-grown partridge's food over the whole year. They eat insects mainly during the summer months, but, even then,

they do not eat much of the corn sown in spring and autumn.

Sugar-beet is a most important autumn and winter food. Partridges seldom pick at growing roots, but when the beet has been harvested and the cut-off crowns are left lying in the field, they peck out the pulp. It gives the bird a good sound meal. Sugar-beet, therefore, comes high in any plan for winter feeding. Old beet fields should be left unploughed right up to the middle or end of March, if possible.

The man who wants to winter-feed his partridges on a definite plan cannot do better than follow the methods carried out by I.C.I. at their Hertfordshire Game Research Centre some years ago. The object was to find out what foods partridges liked best between November and March. Two feeding stations were made, within range of three hides, and the foods were put in 14 shallow trays made of old weather board. The hides were close enough to distinguish the sexes of feeding birds.

Before the foods were tried, the trays were filled with well-known favourites for some days to get the birds used to the trays. When they became accustomed to them, up to 60 birds were seen at one time at the trays. Watch was kept from 9.15 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.—the peak feeding periods.

Among the foods tried were wheat, barley,



kibbled maize, oats, dari, brown millet, white millet, buckwheat, ryegrass, bindweed, goose-foot, vetch, trefoil, peas, red clover, subterranean clover, mustard, linseed, rape, maling barley, crushed acorns, threshings and winnowings.

The trials were augmented by feeding experiments on tame penned birds and by examining the gizzards and crops of some hundreds of wild partridges.

As a result, I.C.I. made up a winter-feed mixture of 35 parts wheat, 25 parts hemp, 20 parts split maize, 10 parts dari and 10 parts millet, which can be strongly recommended. It may not be wise, however, to include so much hemp, although partridges are very fond of it. Chaff winnowings were also used to draw the birds and make the feed go further, but this is a mixed blessing. It advertises the feed to sparrows and finches.

There are, of course, many wild-growing seeds which are good for partridges and are readily taken by them. Grass seeds, such as ryegrass and cocksfoot, are most useful. But their nutritive value is usually lower than that of wheat, maize, etc. Moreover, they are rather expensive.

It was noticed that the seeds that partridges will eat in quantity—hemp, for instance—are not necessarily those that are best for them from a nutritional point of view. Conversely, extremely nutritious foods that are unfamiliar to them will often be refused. For example, soya beans, whole or split, would be an excellent food for any game bird, but partridges do not seem to like them so long as any other food is obtainable. The mixture to be offered, therefore, must be composed of seeds of good food value which partridges will actually go for. If nothing better can be provided, tail wheat will do. Low-grade corn screenings are usually cheap.

All seed and grain mixtures are improved by good-quality cod-liver oil, containing vitamins A and D, given at the rate of two table-spoons per gallon bucket of food, but it is difficult to mix evenly.

Feeding should usually start in early November and be carried on until March. Where food is easily obtainable, it is probably beneficial to start light feeding a month earlier, so as to get the coveys used to their feeding places in good time. Partridges quickly get used to the winter feed round. Keepers find that the feeding sites are known to the coveys within 4 to 14 days of the start of regular feeding.

During some trials of medicated feeds in 1953-54 the partridges were usually hanging about near the feeding station, patiently waiting for the keeper and hardly moving away when he arrived.

In the old pony-trap days, the coveys often flew in when they heard the keeper tapping with his whip, in much the same way as pheasants come to a whistle or the rattle of the bucket. I know several shoots where hand-reared wild duck fly in to be fed as soon as the keeper blows a horn.

One needs 25 to 35 winter feed sites for every 1,000 acres. Good feeding places include narrow belts of trees with open undergrowth, gravel or chalk pits, uncultivated field corners, clumps of trees in open fields or parks, the south side of good hedges with grass fringes, the corners of coverts adjoining recently cleared arable land and any bare ground near hay or corn ricks. The sites should be sheltered, but not shut in.

Often an indifferent feeding site can be improved by cutting back a hedge, or trimming out rough stuff to make a feeding area. Sometimes feeding stations are permanent stacks or trestles loaded with rakings after the harvest, but most are merely home-made places along hedgerows or belts—numbered for easy reference. Try always to feed near good nesting places, so as to get the birds to use them. The same applies to hedge dusting-shelters, particularly if they are newly established.

Feed put down in the open usually attracts fewer pheasants than partridges. Some of the partridge-feeding sites are bound to be visited by pheasants, but on the average shoot this is not a bad thing. Pheasants are more inclined to roam than partridges and need holding. Your feed sites, unfortunately, will be shared by

finches, yellow-hammers, blackbirds, pigeons, crows and rooks, but they are never so punctual as the partridges. Not a lot of food is wasted in this way. The use of whole wheat instead of cut wheat will prevent much being taken by the small birds.

Personally, I am open-minded on the question of feeding at concentrated points, or, alternatively, "trickling" the feed out along stretches of the keeper's daily route. There are advantages and disadvantages in both methods. When birds start to pair, the feeding points can be dispersed as necessary—a little less food being given at an increased number of points. Paired birds visit the feed at different times of the day, instead of at normal meal times, and it is "first come, first served." The normal feed round is in the afternoon, but an early morning feed can be included. Stick to the times rigidly. Regularity is most important.

In some seasons partridges lose interest in the feeding points—and even in threshing sites—in early February. In other seasons they visit them well into March. Weather is the

year, instead of being done in the autumn. American game preservers plant patches of a quarter of an acre upwards, which include amber cane, buckwheat, cow peas, hemp, maize, millet, soya beans, sunflowers and sorghum.

Obviously any number of mixtures can be tried here, but the main essentials are that part of the crop, such as sunflower and maize stalks and marrow-stem kale, must remain standing till February. The other components, such as clovers and grasses, must also provide food and shelter at low level, without forming a wet jungle. Cereal crops (except maize) are of limited use in these mixtures. Pheasants like peas and beans, but they choke some of the other plants.

The present I.C.I. trial mixture consists of 2 lb. sunflower, 3 lb. golden standard maize, 3 lb. canary seed, 4 lb. buckwheat, 1 lb. caraway seed, 1½ lb. hemp, 3 lb. millet, 2 lb. sweet clover, 1 lb. rape and ½ lb. marrow-stem kale—to be sown at 2½ lb. per acre.

Finally, if fresh stock—either eggs or birds—can be introduced from another county,



KEEPER PUTTING OUT WINTER FEED FOR PARTRIDGES. Feeding should usually start in early November and be carried on until March

guide. The amount of food generally works out at two or three cwt. per 1,000-acre beat per month. In well-hedged country a feeding station every quarter of a mile would be ideal.

During heavy snow, the feed stations should be cleared or a few emergency patches snow-ploughed. Straw can be put down on top of hard snow and the feed scattered among it. Bins or storage containers should be put at strategic points. Put a padlock on each and hide it in a wood or hedge.

Another short cut to winter-feeding is to use ordinary galvanised steel poultry hoppers, holding about one cwt. of grain, pellets, etc. They also keep the food dry in wet weather. Hoppers encourage rats, but they are better than no winter-feeding at all. They are of the greatest benefit to unkeepered shoots. Finally, food plots on "hungry" land hold and feed birds when food is scarce.

Patches of artichokes, maize, sunflowers, or seed-kale will provide shelter and pickings for pheasants throughout the worst winter. They are also good temporary shooting coverts. Buckwheat or mustard, planted as holding crops for the partridge-shooting season, have little value as late winter foods or cover. Buckwheat matures in 12 to 14 weeks, and will grow on poor soils, but late frosts kill it. Mustard, as a green manure crop, benefits the game and the land if the ploughing-in is left until early in the

coveys will probably be doubled. New blood pays. Inbreeding does not. To sum up:

1. At harvest time get in rakings, damaged corn, and any other feed you can lay hands on.
2. Plan the feed-round in September.
3. Trim up any feeding points that need it.
4. Twenty-five to 35 feeding points are needed to every 1,000 acres, according to the lie of the land.
5. Allow two to three cwt. of food per month to a 1,000-acre feed-round.
6. Feed a good grain and good mixture if possible, otherwise tail wheat, dredge, and threshing refuse.
7. Feed partridges at the same time every day.
8. Start feeding lightly as the crops get ploughed in.
9. Increase the ration as the birds come into the feed and the weather gets harder.
10. Increase the number of sites to suit the pairs as the coveys break up.
11. Storage bins, grain hoppers and feed stacks are all useful.
12. Set a few tunnel traps near heavily-fed sites.
13. Offer farm-workers a reward for nests saved from the farm machinery.
14. Remember that regular feeding attracts game from elsewhere.

Second illustration: I.C.I. Game Research Station, Fordingbridge.



1.—THE SODBURY ENTRANCE AND LODGE FROM WITHIN THE PARK

## DODINGTON PARK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE—I

THE SEAT OF SIR CHRISTOPHER CODRINGTON, BT.

By CHRISTOPHER HUSSEY

*Built by Christopher Codrington 1796-1817 on an ancient site, the house is an outstanding late work by James Wyatt.*

*The Minister of Works has recently made grants for its repair and maintenance.*

**D**ODINGTON PARK, neighboured by those of Badminton and Dyrham, lies in converging combs of the Cotswold escarpment below the intersection of the Bath to Stroud ridgeway and the road from Chappenhall to Chipping Sodbury. Its scenery is of the most romantic beauty, idealised by two enchanted lakes which the wand of Capability Brown evoked in the larger of the valleys without, in the process, diminishing the primeval character of their steep sward and woods. The great house, though its former extent has been somewhat curtailed of late, stands on the western edge of the park, looking back up both the combs. Its austere Neo-classical design sets up a stimulating

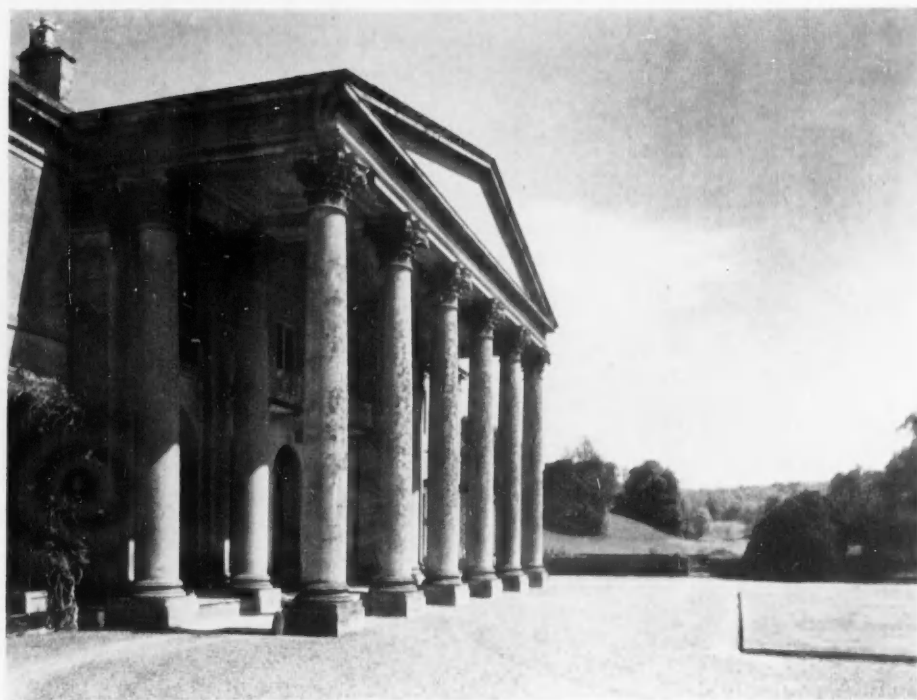
and no doubt calculated contrast to the romantic naturalism of the setting. It is the more surprising for having been conceived when it was, in the first flush of enthusiasm for the Picturesque, when architects (and Wyatt in particular) were generally required to design Gothic houses that were considered to harmonise with such scenery, instead of Classical ones that seemed to contrast. To our less romantic eyes the element of contrast in such a context tends to be more satisfactory than the attempt at harmony, in that "regular" architecture provides the formal complement to English landscape's naturalism, and the scenery's texture sets off the building's clean lines, so producing that

synthesis of values apt most to please eye and mind.

The moated site of the original house at Dodington, which had belonged to the Berkeleys since *Domesday*, was noticed by Leland. It apparently stood where Brown formed his lower lake, a little below and east of the present site, on which one Robert Wickes built a new house about 1560. One of a series of water-colours by Turner, made about 1796, shows this as a four-gabled building, with the parish church adjoining. Before 1600 the estate had been acquired by Giles Codrington, whose family had owned the adjacent manor of Codrington since the 14th century, and whose ancestor John was



2. THE WEST FRONT. THE GREENHOUSE QUADRANT SCREENED THE OFFICE COURT AND LINKS UP WITH THE DOMED CHURCH



3.—THE PORTICO, LOOKING SOUTH WITH A GLIMPSE OF THE PARK LANDSCAPE BEYOND

Henry V's standard bearer. A century later it was again sold, but to a kinsman, that remarkable Colonel Christopher Codrington (1668-1715), conqueror of St. Kitts and Guadeloupe, Governor of the Leeward Islands and founder of Codrington College in Barbados, where his branch of the family had settled.\* He left his books and £10,000 to establish the great library at All Souls' bearing his name, and Dodington, which he can rarely have seen, with the residue of his fortune after other bequests, to his nephew William, created a baronet in 1731. Pope, who visited the latter in 1728, describes the house as "pretty enough, the situation romantic, covered with woody hills stumbling upon one another confusedly and the garden makes a valley betwixt them with some

\* See *Christopher Codrington*, by Vincent T. Harlow, 1928; a valuable work but containing no allusion to Dodington.

mounts and waterfalls." But most of the letter is devoted to a description of how his host's sisters insisted on administering "physic" preparatory to his taking the Bath waters.

It was the next Sir William who in 1764 undertook the improvement of the park. Pope's brief description suggests that it was previously more thickly wooded and that Brown opened up the valleys, retaining the best and oldest trees and forming the great lawn of turf in front of the house alluded to by subsequent writers. The upper of the two lakes feeds the lower by an aqueduct carried over a Gothic bridge, from which it falls in a cascade (Figs. 9 and 10). The Gothic element in this conceit will have accorded with the character of the Elizabethan house.

Sir William II fell out with and disinherited his only son, who then emigrated to France. Accordingly in 1793 Dodington was inherited by a great-nephew, Christopher (elder brother of Admiral Sir Edward Codrington, victor of Navarino). He pulled down the old house preparatory to beginning a new one on its foundations in 1796.

The new Dodington is James Wyatt's outstanding Neo-classical country house; indeed his last, in that he met his death in a carriage accident while returning from a visit



4.—THE SOUTH SIDE

of inspection in 1813. Though begun in 1796-97, the exterior design was not finalised till after 1800, and work was still going on in 1815. Thus a generation separates it from Wyatt's first challenge to Adam with the Pantheon and at Heaton Hall in the early 1770s. Meanwhile he had become the leading exponent of Gothic and in his Classical works (e.g. the mausolea at Cobham and Brocklesby, and Castlecoole in Ireland) had largely reverted to the more academic classicism of Sir William Chambers. But an indulgent client now gave him scope to confirm the promise of his youth and the Wyatt school's technique, by showing how the new scholarship could be handled to accord with the new principles of the Picturesque. All these elements are combined in his impressive and in many ways original composition, though we may feel that Wyatt failed to integrate them so imaginatively as Soane, for instance, synthesised the Classical and Picturesque.

The body of the house is almost square in plan, but was extended on the north by ranges of connected buildings enclosing a service court; the whole was so put together as to produce the effect of variety. Thus the three



5.—THE STABLE ENTRANCE, WITH THE CHURCH ADJOINING BEYOND



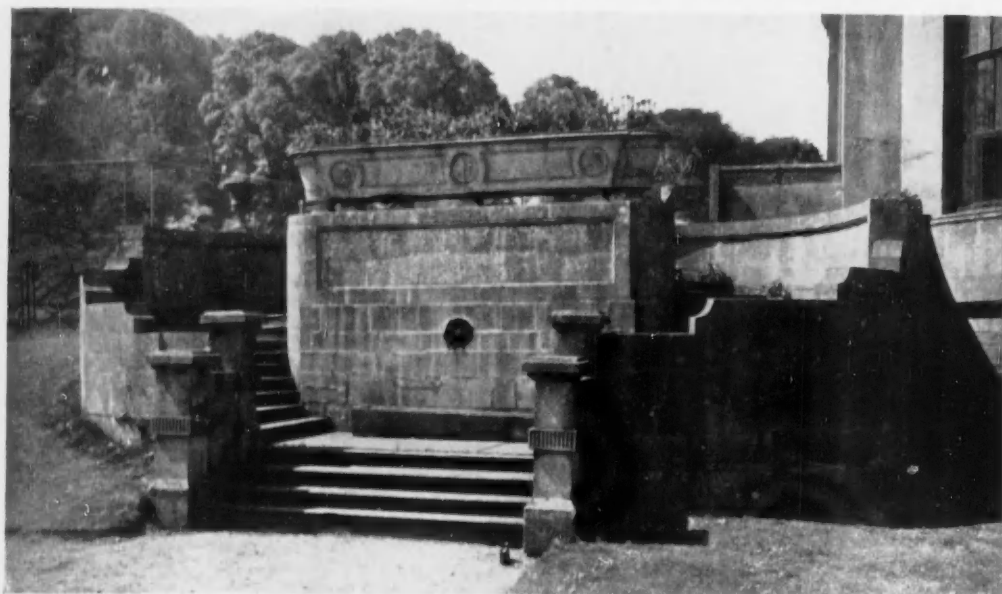
façades are dissimilar, though related by the restraint of their treatment. On the west, entrance, front (Fig. 3) the Hellenistic note is struck by the Greek-styled portico of a colossal Roman-Corinthian order, the spacing and proportioning of which enabled carriages to have access to the entrance through its sides. The composition of the south side (Fig. 4), with columns in *antis* supporting a central attic, is a characteristic Wyatt rendering of a Chambers theme. On the east (Fig. 6) the ground's slope towards the lake-filled valley enabled the basement (at the level of the concealed service court on the north side) to be exposed; the plain elevation, with no central emphasis, has the bows that are characteristic of the Wyatt style. This front was protracted northwards by the kitchen wing (now demolished), to terminate in an extremely elegant dairy house, entered under a little Doric rotunda (Fig. 7) and commanding a view of the



6.—ONE OF THE TWO BOWS OF THE EAST FRONT



7.—THE DAIRY HOUSE. IT STANDS IN PROLONGATION OF THE EAST FRONT



8.—THE STEPS TO THE SOUTH TERRACE

lower lake through a group of cedar trees. From the south front a square lawn, terraced over the falling contours, affords the kind of architectural foreground to the valley landscape demanded by Picturesque theory (cf. Uvedale Price *On Decorations near the House*, 1798). It gave occasion at the south-east corner of the house for a composition of steps and a sarcophagus that is a prototype of late-Georgian garden architecture (Fig. 8).

Wyatt's reading of Price and acknowledgement of the "forcible impression" produced by the general composition of Blenheim (*Farington Diary*, January 22, 1798) is confirmed by the way he handled the west front (Fig. 2) to include the parish church, a greenhouse and the stables. The position of the church, north and slightly west of the front, may have been dictated by that of its mediæval predecessor; but in any case he made it the opportunity to create a controlled effect of asymmetrical movement and contrasting forms, which is essentially picturesque in intention. The composition cannot now be seen entire from any one point, owing to the public approach to the church from the west being concealed by bushes; but it was, of course, conceived as a single composition, and can be so visualised. Fig. 2 shows how the quadrant of the greenhouse links and relates the centre of the house with the rectangles of the domed chapel; and Fig. 5 how the latter are related to the sharp Chambersian profiles of the stable court and gate, with its cupola echoing the chapel's dome in miniature. The asymmetrical composition of cube and segmental colonnade is repeated very effectively in the Sodbury entrance to the park (Fig. 1), for which are used forms characteristic of Soane.



9.—BROWN'S GOTHIC CASCADE FEEDING THE LOWER LAKE (Right) 10.—BROWN'S AQUEDUCT FROM THE UPPER TO THE LOWER LAKE

The integration with the mansion of a greenhouse (or winter garden as these conservatories came to be called) seems to have been an innovation due to the Wyatts. It is also characteristic of the period's many-sided interest in nature, which is emphasised here by the room through which the greenhouse is approached from the entrance hall being called in Wyatt's plans the botanical library. The close connection of nature with art is similarly implied by the curved gallery behind it having been the picture gallery. That the Wyatts gave particular thought to the architectural opportunities thus created appears from Samuel having annexed a similar though rectangular structure to Belmont, Kent, at almost the same date, while their nephew, Lewis, made the greenhouse a central feature in his plan of Willey Park, Shropshire, in 1817. S. P. Cockerell used the quadrant form even more effectively (and in the Indian style) at Sezincote in 1805.

The church itself is on the plan of a Greek cross, the short arms having balustraded parapets, a square podium carrying the saucer dome. In the interior (Fig. 11), where the dome rises from segmental arches and vaults with Doric columns, Wyatt displayed what he meant by the "regular architecture" for which he believed Raphael responsible, and which he regarded as the only good "modern architecture" in Rome; but Mr. Summerson has commented of it that "Wyatt seems to have raided Soane's House of Lords design which he had just been instrumental in quashing." He made lavish use of marble; dark green and white in the floor, scagliola in the coffering and soffits. Galleries occupied the "transepts," the southern containing the family pew, which was reached from the picture gallery. Unhappily the past tense must be used for much of this handsome interior; between 1940 and 1950 it became infested with dry rot, which threatened also to invade the mansion. With the help of a grant of £5,500 by the Minister of Works it has been eradicated and the structure saved, but at the sacrifice of most of its internal rendering, some of which, however, it may be possible to reinstate.

(To be concluded)



11.—THE INTERIOR OF WYATT'S CHURCH (FROM AN OLD PHOTOGRAPH)



# A BIRD OF BARREN WASTES

Written and Illustrated by RICHARD VAUGHAN

**A**LTHOUGH it nests commonly throughout continental Europe, the tawny pipit is a rare visitor to the British Isles, and has only once or twice attempted to breed. The pair which did so in Sussex in 1906 was shot and their eggs were taken, but there is some evidence that, incredible as it may seem, another pair nested successfully in the same spot in the following year. Fifty or sixty tawny pipits have been recorded in the British Isles during the last eighty years or so, nearly all in autumn, and more than half on the Sussex coast.

Delighting in barren, rocky wastes, the tawny pipit is one of the characteristic birds of uncultivated land in the Mediterranean countries and islands. It is not particular about altitude. In Sardinia it is as common in the sandy wastes bordering the sea as it is above 5,000 feet in the central mountains; and in the south of Spain I found males singing up to 10,000 feet in the Sierra Nevada. It is often exceedingly common in suitable habitats, and the absence of other species in these makes it very conspicuous. In central Corsica, where the photographs of it illustrating this article were taken, there was hardly a spot in the dry foothills and uncultivated plains where the males' loud flight song: "chee-a-vee . . . chee-a-vee chee-a-vee . . ." could not be heard. This was in the second week of July, when the whole area had been burnt up by the sun and not a blade of green grass was to be found. While other birds had long finished breeding, tawny pipits were still busy either feeding fledged young or incubating what must have been their second clutches. There can be little doubt that this species, like the meadow pipit, is normally double-brooded; the number of singing males I have heard in July, in Spain, the Balearics, Corsica and Sardinia bears this out, and both the nests I photographed in Corsica contained eggs in mid-July.

Anyone who visits the western Mediterranean in the summer months need not worry



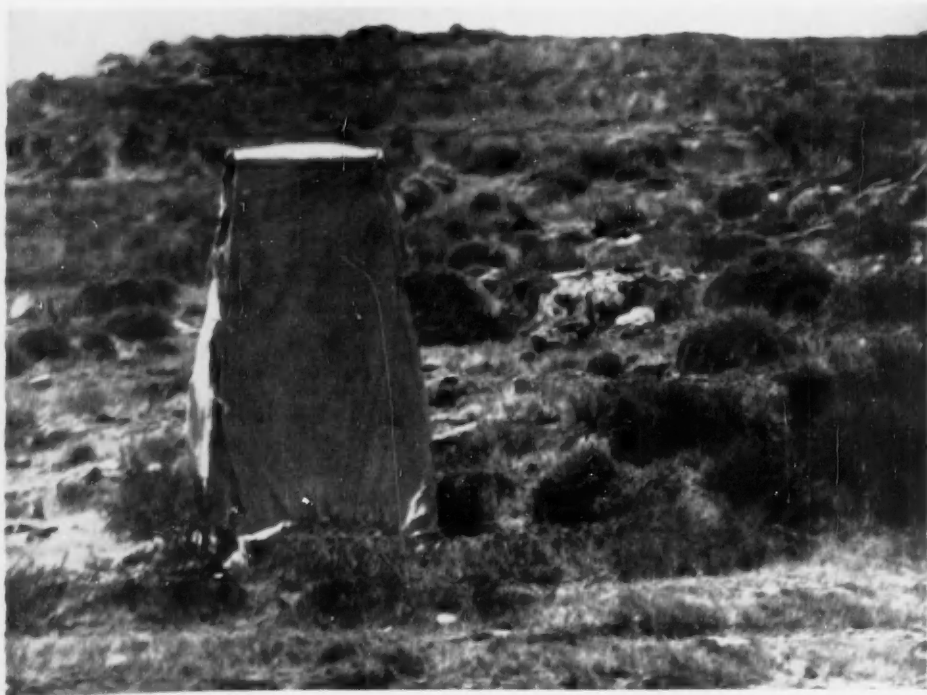
A TAWNY PIPIT AND (right) A WATER-PIBIT. FROM WHICH IT DIFFERS IN HAVING PALER LEGS AND A CREAM INSTEAD OF A WHITE EYE-STRIPE. The tawny pipit is panting because of the heat. The water-pipit was photographed in the Apennines

unduly about the identification of his pipits, because the tawny pipit is the only one that nests commonly outside the mountain ranges. It is the most wagtail-like of all the pipits and can be distinguished by its almost unspotted breast and inconspicuously marked back. Its song, too, usually delivered in descending flight, is quite different from that of any of its relatives. From the water-pipit, with which, owing to the overlap of their ranges on some of the southern European mountains, it is most likely to be confused, it differs in having a cream-coloured, not white, eye-stripe, and pale flesh-coloured or yellowish, instead of dark, legs. Both species, however, are usually almost unmarked underneath, and from a distance are often difficult to distinguish.

It frequently happens that the hardest part of bird photography lies in finding a suitable nest. The patience demanded by work in the

hide, which the layman often imagines to be very considerable, is usually nothing to that needed in finding the nest. In Corsica last year my wife and I spent hours watching tawny pipits in an effort to find a nest. Time and time again we were disappointed. Either the birds were found to be feeding fledged young, or else a male under careful observation would, after a long period of singing, either just sit about on the rocks or disappear. Walking about in likely terrain near a singing male was equally without result, and we had to admit that our attempts to find a nest "scientifically" were both useless and futile.

We gave up searching for nests, and almost immediately stumbled on one by chance, when the bird fluttered out from a low clump of *genista* a few feet from us. A day or two later we found another nest, in a very open situation by a large boulder, in the same way. Both these



TYPICAL NESTING GROUND OF THE TAWNY PIPIT IN CENTRAL CORSICA. The nest illustrated in the next photograph was under a clump of *genista* to the right of the hide. (Right) THE TAWNY PIPIT INCUBATING. The *genista* was tied back to enable the bird to be photographed





TAWNY PIPIT STANDING ON THE EDGE OF THE NEST UNDER THE GENISTA. (Right) A TAWNY PIPIT'S NEST IN AN OPEN SITUATION AGAINST A ROCK—AN UNUSUAL POSITION

nest contained clutches of four eggs, much like those of the house-sparrow in general appearance, but more heavily blotched in a rather browner hue. Both were built of dead grass, lined with finer material, and in each case the incubating bird sat very close, leaving the nest only when the intruder was within a few yards of it. Once only did we see the injury-feigning said to be habitually practised by this species: the bird fluttered out of the nest when I was scarcely a yard away, and hopped and fluttered along the ground with her wings extended and inclined downwards. I accepted the gambit, and was led about ten yards from the nest before the bird abandoned her act and flew away.

The nest which we decided to photograph was found on July 8, and we erected the hide near it on the 11th. It was well hidden under a sprig of genista in a barren, dry, area quite close to

the village of Lozzi. A mule track passed near the hide, and the shepherds who used it nearly always halted their mules when they had arrived just opposite it, gave it a long, searching, rather hostile stare, and then moved on. On such occasions I usually kept quiet, answering the stare with the one eye permitted by the peephole, and waited for the shepherd to finish his searching examination. Fortunately neither the hide nor the nest was interfered with.

Never before have I photographed so tame a bird as this one. She took no notice of the hide or of the noise of the shutter. She did not in the least mind the temporary removal of the sprig of genista which hid her from view. Three days after the erection of the hide she was so tame that I could easily have photographed her without it, and I had almost to touch her in order to put her off the nest. She behaved as if

she enjoyed being photographed, and would invariably perch on the stone which I placed near the nest for this purpose.

But although the bird behaved so well, photography was by no means easy, chiefly because the very brilliant sunlight made it difficult to avoid contrasty pictures, and impossible to expose the nest for more than a brief period at a time. One thinks of photographers waiting for the sun: we spent hours waiting for one of those round white clouds, which sat on the high peaks of the neighbouring Monte Cinto massif, to detach itself and move in our direction. When this did happen, and the sun was obscured for a short time, conditions for photography were perfect, but we were sorry not to have been able to wait until the eggs hatched, so as to take a series of pictures of the parent birds feeding their offspring, if possible on a really nice dull day.

## DOMINATED BY CATS

By MARGARET BONHAM

I WAS never one for hot weather. In heat-waves I exasperate everyone by grouching and puffing and looking forward to warnings of frost; but it must be admitted that in our house winter has its disadvantages. These number four and are feline: a Siamese, a Burmese, an Abyssinian and a common-or-garden tabby.

Delicious cold evenings, when the children are in bed and we sit round a roaring fire with rain beating on the windows, never seem quite to come off. There is the rain, the fire roars; but piled on the fender lie all four cats, and my husband and I sit beyond them with 17th-century draughts fingering our ankles. They lie inert, as long as we are inert, too; but anyone who starts reading a paper or writing letters is at once invaded by an importunate cat, probably followed by another in an anguish of jealousy, ending in a scuffle. This warms the feet, but puts paid to correspondence or keeping abreast of the news, and in exasperation we throw all four out of the window, wondering why we don't give them away and just settle for a pair of Great Danes.

We then get, with luck, about 20 minutes' peace before the first one wants to come in. It may be from any direction; throwing them out of the window does not mean that they reappear there; they have other methods of entering the house, such as seeping through the walls or climbing down the chimney. A nice fire in the kitchen has no appeal. Dog-like, but I feel with different motives, they want us.

If they are in the house, the sitting-room door handle is peremptorily rattled. This handle is loose, and makes a satisfying noise, causing casual visitors to jump. Delay in answering the first summons results in a maniacal barrage; one

of us gets up and hurriedly lets in cat No. 1, while cat No. 2, lurking in the hall, waits for us to settle again before coming up for his turn. Cat No. 3, meanwhile, has stayed outside, and ten minutes after the admission of No. 2 appears as if patted against a dark window, bowing his head off (all our cats, though neuter males, have fine strong powerful voices), and balanced precariously on an antique gadget behind the hinge that stops the casement part from flying too far round. Here he stays firmly till the window is opened wide enough to push him off. Icy gales come tearing in, but not the cat, who with an outraged air asserts himself by taking as much time as possible. Cat No. 4, also outside, has circumnavigated the house on a hunting prow, and later finds the garden door his nearest way in. Against this he flings himself bodily, high enough to appear for an instant glaring like a luratic through the bottom pane of glass, accompanied by a heavy thud.

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By now the cats already in have been freshened up by the night air, and at least two of them (one will be the Burmese, whose passion is picking fights) are locked in what looks like mortal combat on the carpet, a set to which ends amiably in face-washing but leaves the floor plastered with fur and papers. Bed, we think, holds a promise of peace. My husband picks his way out to the kitchen, through a torrent of cats hoping for a final snack.

"Two meals a day," the cat books tell us inexorably. Fresh meat, cooked fish, no bones, plenty of vegetables, do not leave uneaten food lying about; always supply water as well as milk.

Our cats have no use for cat books. They

make it deafeningly plain that four meals, let alone two, are barely enough for them to do justice to their pedigrees. I am the one who feeds them. I, as I know quite well, am being exploited. It just seems to me easier, in theory, to put some fish down before doing anything in the kitchen than to reel round tripping over cats and shutting tails in the refrigerator door. In practice, it makes little difference, since having fed they all collapse in front of the stove and I keep stepping on them while I cook. As for bones, they drag them over the floor and leave them. Vegetables are ignored entirely. Milk may sometimes be lapped (messily) from a saucer, but illegal milk, obtained by dipping the paw in a jug left on the dresser, is greatly preferred. Water in a dish is pure waste of time. They like sink water, bath water, water from garden puddles; but a dish, no. Though they will recoil in vocal horror from vegetable matter given them on a plate, stolen fruits have a very different flavour. As long as they can steal it, they will eat anything: cold potatoes, left-over carrots, crusts, even tomato skins. Pieces of bread put out for the birds they will fall on like alley cats.

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Then one must remember their other horrid habits: lying on the begonias, resting against the stem of a new clematis, rolling in the catmint, leaving a rat's hind legs and tail on the dining-room carpet; being stand-offish to well-disposed visitors, springing on to the knees of cat-haters; treading a dignified pattern of mud over the newly-cleaned car, getting shut behind doors that positively no one has opened. How can one have a passion for such creatures? They are beautiful, elegant, immaculate, loving, a joy to watch, but are they worth it? Any cat-lover can answer that one. Every time.

# GREAT HOME HOLES

A Golf Commentary by BERNARD DARWIN

**I**N international politics an apparently slight difference may suddenly flame up into an alarming dispute. So it happens now and then in golfing talk, though I admit that in this case the dispute was a reasonably friendly one. One of a party of four or five suddenly declared that he could not think of a worse last hole anywhere than that at Woking. I was not going to stand that for a moment, and the rest of the company temperately backed me up. There was, I pointed out, a pond on one side of the green into which my friend was very likely to socket his approach, and there was a capital holly tree on the other. On second thoughts I believe the holly tree has long departed, but he did not know that. It was, I said, not a great last hole but an interesting and picturesque one, quite good enough for my too positive friend, and just as good as that at his own Forest Row. I waxed so warm on the subject that he hastily withdrew everything he had said. So just to set us going again I introduced a last hole on which I fancied all must be of one mind. What, I asked, of the truly magnificent eighteenth at Rye?

This seemed to me to have almost all the qualities of the ideal finish. It is a fine long two-shot hole, so far as there is such a thing nowadays. It has an alarmingly narrow tee shot between bushes and pits on the right and the deep bunker on the left, now alas overgrown with grass; it has an equally narrow and difficult second, in which the erring can either bombard the club house with a hook or with a slice make a Gadarene descent into the sandy wilderness below the green; finally, the green is a difficult one full of the trickiest runs and borrows. It is hard to think of a hole where a perfectly played four can give more satisfaction.

And yet even here there was not complete agreement. I had quoted against me the opinion of a very fine golfer whom I greatly respect. He held that the hole as it used to be was much better than the present one. Apart from the splendid terror of the drive over the big boarded bunker (and terrible it was for the man with a good card in his pocket) the man who played two good shots got his well-deserved four and won the hole. To-day, he said, a good second shot was too apt to end in the hollow to the left of the green; the player just missed his four and could do no more than halve in five with a feeble creature who reached the green with "two of those and one of them." In fact,

the hole was too difficult and too good, it defeated its own end.

I have since been reflecting on what are the qualities we want, or at least I want, in a home hole. To my mind, then, it should if possible be of a good length, and not of the drive and a pitch variety. It should give the man who is one down (I had nearly written that unpardonable phrase "dormy down") a fair, fighting chance. Moreover it should, I think, from the point of view of keeping the agony going to the very end of a medal round, be capable of producing an utter calamity on the very edge of victory. From that point of view the last hole at St. Andrews seems to me to have a certain mildness. It is easy enough to take five by a weak second into the Valley of Sin or by three putts on the deceptive slope, but it is not easy to take more, short of the grossest error a six is difficult and an eight out of the question. An out-of-bounds territory is a good thing at a home hole and there is one, to be sure, at St. Andrews, but anyone who slices into the Marine Hotel or, with his second, into Tom Morris's shop, must surely have taken leave of his senses.

A good, deep, trench-like and perhaps inartistic cross-bunker guarding the green is no bad thing at a home hole, or at least I always used to think so, especially at Hoylake or Muirfield. But that was in days when two really good wooden club shots were needed to get home. They were both grand holes, "simply and severely great," with a gutty ball, and with the gutty something has gone out of them. To-day when the cross-bunkers have given way to a more complete and artistic system of defences, they are still good holes, but they are not long enough to inspire the old terror, or so it seems to me. The same appears to be true of the last hole at Walton Heath: except against a gale there can for the modern player with modern armament be no difficulty in carrying the cross bunker. I do not want cross-bunkers everywhere, but do yearn for one now and then at a home hole.

That brings me to what I deem to be one of the very best of home holes, that at Worplesdon. During the last few years I have seen some wooden club shots—No. 4 wood, I suspect—played over the cross-bunker on to that green in the Mixed Foursomes, of a grandeur to make a man pray or prophesy. Why should I not name the heroes of them? Scrutton, George

Duncan, and, this year, McCready. The hole has many other merits, for the tee shot is a testing one with out-of-bounds on the left, and then there is plenty of scope for the player who cannot go for the carry with his second. Let him keep away to the left and he has still a chance of his four. The slicer is nearly always undone, and that is as it should be.

Now let me take some more fine home holes almost at random. It is a sadly long time since I was at Dollymount, but in point of capacity for disaster I should rate that high. The carry with the second shot across an out-of-bounds territory can tempt to utter ruin; the shot is essentially one in the grand manner.

Now for one rather less known perhaps, Aldeburgh. Up to the very last stroke the player may ruin himself, for the whins come creeping menacingly in at him from either side of the green and whins are horribly frightening things. Troon and St. Anne's have both straight, narrow home holes which are good fun to watch from the club-house window. Both are sound holes demanding thoroughly accurate play, but they lack a little something of picturesqueness. Deal, on the other hand, I rate very high for both looks and playing quality. The bank on the top of which sits the green waiting to be won repels the timidly struck ball without mercy, and then there is the brook to be carried with the second. I have seen it engulf the best of men in Halford Hewitt Cup matches. Very familiar is the look of the crowd of school patriots coming to that hole with two matches won on either side and all to play for in the last foursome.

One-shot home holes do not appeal to me, though I must say the one at Moor Park looks uncommonly difficult. I remember with affectionate awe one that there used to be at Woodbridge—a short mashie-niblick shot and no more over a road running deep below. I suppose it was too dangerous to play over a public road but it "gave a kind of relish to it," as Mr. Squeers said of beating a boy in a hackney coach. You might ruin yourself at the very last even as you might in that giant bunker at Rye which we had argued about.

Before we parted somebody asked which was the best nineteenth hole. Here we all agreed. "Hoylake," we shouted in chorus, and I, remembering my own adventures there, shouted louder than anyone else.

## A RYSBRACK DISCOVERY

By M. I. WEBB

**G**EORGE VERTUE, the first great art historian in England, when he was compiling his notebooks in the 1730s, made a long list of the works other than monuments by the sculptor Michael Rysbrack. This list of nearly seventy items occurs in Vertue's notebook written in 1732 and is prefixed by a short note on Rysbrack, one of many, as Vertue knew Rysbrack well. Immediately before the list, Vertue writes that since Rysbrack had arrived in England (he came over in 1720 from Antwerp) "he had Modelld from the life many Noblemen Ladies and Learned men and others. A list of them as follows I had from himself, and I have seen the Models when done." Though the main list was written in 1732, Vertue added a few names later. After many of the names of the subjects brief additional information is given, such as that the model had subsequently been carried out in marble, or that King George I "did not actually sit," whereas George II "twice sat to him." There were few artists considered by Vertue of sufficient importance for such a list of their works to be given.

Recent research has identified the great majority of Rysbrack's large output, but there are still over fifty busts which he is known to have done that are still missing. Many of them, particularly if they were carried out only in terra-cotta, must have been broken, while others, being portraits of people whose features are not famous, are probably forever unidentifiable. Some of the missing busts, however, must have inscriptions on them, or still be in



RECENTLY DISCOVERED BUST OF GEORGE, FIRST EARL OF ORKNEY. DATED 1733. It is here attributed to Michael Rysbrack

the houses to which they were originally sent, but as 18th-century portrait busts have been out of fashion of late they will have been stowed away and forgotten, or cast out at a sale.

One such bust which can be identified by Vertue's list as being by Rysbrack (Lord Orkney—a Model) has recently come to light and is now in the possession of Mr. John Teed. It is a fine marble portraying Lord Orkney as a Roman general. On the base is inscribed "Georgius Comes D Orkney filius quintus Gulielmi Dux Hamiltoniae Aetatis sui 67 AD 1733." The bust is not signed by Rysbrack, but it is stylistically so like his work that, considering Vertue's evidence, there can be little, if any, doubt that the bust is by Rysbrack. A model was always made before the marble, and that Vertue saw only the model is no evidence that a marble was not carved. Though famous people like Newton and Pope had portrait busts made by more than one sculptor, they were exceptional. Portrait busts were, after all, expensive, and it is unlikely that two sculptors would have been commissioned to make busts of Lord Orkney at about that date. Moreover, in the early 1730s Rysbrack was much the best and most expensive sculptor in London, which makes it still more unlikely that once a bust had been ordered from him another sculptor would have received a similar commission.

George, first Earl of Orkney, married Elizabeth Villiers, sister of the Earl of Jersey and the mistress of William III, in 1695. He was created Earl of Orkney in 1696 and died in 1737.



## CARS DESCRIBED

## THE JAGUAR 2.4-LITRE SALOON

By J. EASON GIBSON

THE Jaguar factory, long famous for making luxury saloon and sports cars with an engine capacity of 3,442 c.c., announced in the late summer of 1955 a more compact and economical car, which nevertheless retained many of the characteristics of the larger model. The design staff are to be congratulated on producing this new model for a basic price of less than £1,000.

The engine is, in effect, a short-stroke version of the well-known six-cylinder XK120 engine; the reduction in stroke has dropped the cubic capacity from 3,442 c.c. to 2,483 c.c. Many parts of the new 2.4-litre engine are interchangeable with that of the present XK140, the complete cylinder head being identical. The larger capacity engine is well known for its ability to run without effort at high engine speeds, and the reduction of stroke in the new engine makes this ability even more effortless. Maximum power—112 brake horse power—is developed at 5,750 r.p.m., which, as the car weighs only just over 27 cwt., guarantees an exceptional performance. The mixture is supplied by two down-draught Solex carburetors, which are fed with cool air through a duct from the front of the car. The inlet manifold is warmed by short jackets, which are fed with water from the cooling system. A Tecalemit full-flow oil filter is incorporated in the lubrication system. In view of the known performance of the Jaguar engine in its larger capacity form, and the fact that crankcase rigidity has been increased by the reduction of the stroke, the modest power extracted from the engine should guarantee long engine life.

This new Jaguar uses a form of integral construction, although there are two straight longitudinal members forming a vestigial chassis frame. These members are welded to the floor so as to form a box section; in addition, the structure forms several transverse box sections. Further reinforcement is provided by the scuttle and by the combination of the rear wheel arches, the seat pan and a transverse pressing. Although the construction is integral the actual paneling is not highly stressed, and this assists in reducing noisy vibrations. There are interesting features in the suspension system to reduce noise. The front suspension is by wishbones and coil springs, with Girling telescopic hydraulic dampers fitted within the coils, and the cross member to which the suspension units are attached is flexibly fixed to the main structure. The rear suspension is by cantilever laminated springs, in conjunction with parallel torque arms and telescopic dampers; rubber bushes are interposed between the springs and the rear axle and a rubber mounting is used where the spring is

attached to the main structure. The brakes are Lockheed hydraulic, with servo assistance.

Although it is a smaller and lower priced car than the Mark VII or Mark VIII models, there is nothing cheap or skimpy about the 2.4. The standard of finish and equipment is very high, and on the special equipment model tested the most discerning driver would find it difficult to think of any item of convenience which is lacking. There are well-shaped separate bucket seats in front, and the driving position is reminiscent of that on a quality sports car, as the telescopic steering column and the adjustable seat allow drivers of very different heights and widths to find the perfect position.

The clutch and brake pedals are of pendant type, which means that they move through a different arc from the accelerator, but after a few miles most drivers will become accustomed to this. The pedals are slightly too close together, but this helps to provide adequate room for the driver's left foot beside the dipping switch. Polished walnut veneer is used for the fascia and the door cappings, and a full range of instruments is fitted. One or two of the

and even under these conditions it was clear that outstanding performance was available when required, though I noticed a certain heaviness in the steering; in heavy traffic, or when I was manoeuvring to park in a confined space, a conscious physical effort was required. At all normal road speeds this heaviness disappears. On the first night I had the car it was raining heavily, but the large area of screen wiped by the wipers and the excellent lights, operated by a proper metal switch, not by the usual plastic one, made driving easy. The windscreen pillars seem too wide, but, when the seat was adjusted to suit me, they did not affect vision to any noticeable extent.

The brakes work remarkably well, and very short stopping distances can be achieved; the servo assistance reduces the physical effort required. The slight time-lag associated with servo brakes can be felt by the foot, rather than observed in any other way. Throughout my test, despite brutal use of the brakes, there was no sign of deterioration, and the brakes were working as well at the end as at the start. The hand brake is well placed to the right of the



THE JAGUAR 2.4-LITRE SALOON. It has smooth lines and a sparkling performance

minor controls, noticeably that of the windscreen wiper, are rather too far from the driver, although this assists in giving the fascia a balanced and tidy appearance. The gear lever, which is centrally mounted, lies almost horizontally when in either second or top gear. Although this allows the driver to enter or leave the car more easily by the passenger's door, the shape of the lever forces the driver to use an up-and-down movement, which minimises the benefit of using a central lever. This makes it difficult to hold the lever similarly for all gear changes, and the necessity to change position is irritating. The rear seat gives a comfortable position and holds the passengers against the sideways force of high-speed cornering. All four doors open widely.

The luggage boot is large, and the widely-opening lid is spring-loaded to remain in the open position. The jack is carried on the forward bulkhead of the compartment; the spare wheel and small tools are carried beneath the floor of the boot, which means that luggage may have to be removed before they can be got at. The bonnet is spring-loaded and there is no need to fiddle with a supporting strut. The car I tested was fitted with overdrive, which is an optional extra, and the switch for its engagement was fitted handily to the right of the fascia, directly in front of the driver's right hand.

My first impression on starting the engine was of its uncanny silence and smoothness at a tickover, and experience was to show that the smoothness of the engine continued throughout the available range. Starting was instantaneous whether the engine was hot or cold, once the trick was learnt of opening the throttle slightly on all occasions other than from cold. The first 20 miles of my driving were done in London,

driver's seat, and can be reached without any body movement being required. On the open road the car can perform to suit the individual driver. Some will no doubt prefer to take full advantage of the car's low-speed pulling qualities, change to top at around 40 m.p.h. and then engage overdrive at about 60 m.p.h. Driving at reasonably low speeds I found it best to regard overdrive as a fifth gear. For the enthusiastic driver third gear is rather on the low side in my opinion, as I feel that a car with a maximum speed of over 100 m.p.h., should have a third gear maximum of between 75 and 80 m.p.h., rather than the 65 to 70 m.p.h. of the Jaguar. It is, perhaps, true that the majority of buyers will prefer the gears fitted, as they reduce driving effort. Average fuel consumption during my test was 23.4 m.p.g.—a good figure for a car of its weight and performance.

The suspension gives a remarkably soft ride on average roads, and yet roll on corners is definitely limited, even at very high speeds. The car is remarkably stable over sudden bumps, or even severe humps, settling down without any tendency to pitching. Largely because of the level ride one tends to enter corners at a higher speed than one intends, and it is only after reference to the speedometer that it is realised just how fast one is driving. While it was possible to force the rear wheels to slide by cornering at very high speeds, there were no signs of instability. A skid caused deliberately on a slippery road could be controlled with precision.

If one bears in mind the performance and the luxury provided, this new 2.4 litre Jaguar represents remarkable value. This is underlined by the probability that it will be very economical to run for great mileages.

## THE JAGUAR 2.4-LITRE SALOON

Makers: Jaguar Cars, Coventry.

## SPECIFICATION

|                  |                     |                  |                    |
|------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Price            | £1,465 7s.          | Brakes           | Lockheed hydraulic |
| (including P.T.) | £489 7s.)           | Suspension       | Independent        |
| Cubic capacity   | 2,483 c.c.          |                  | (front)            |
| Bore and stroke  | 83 x 76.5 mm.       | Wheelbase        | 8 ft. 11½ ins.     |
| Cylinders        | Six                 | Track (front)    | 4 ft. 6½ ins.      |
| Valves           | Overhead            | Track (rear)     | 4 ft. 2½ ins.      |
| B.H.P.           | 112 at 5,750 r.p.m. | Overall length   | 15 ft. 0½ ins.     |
| Carb.            | Two Solex           | Overall width    | 5 ft. 6½ ins.      |
| Ignition         | Lucas coil          | Overall height   | 4 ft. 9½ ins.      |
| Oil filter       | Tecalemit full-flow | Ground clearance | 7 ins.             |
| 1st gear         | 13.56 to 1          | Turning circle   | 35 ft.             |
| 2nd gear         | 7.96 to 1           | Weight           | 27½ cwt.           |
| 3rd gear         | 5.50 to 1           | Fuel cap.        | 12 galls.          |
| 4th gear         | 4.55 to 1           | Oil cap.         | 13 pints           |
| O'drive          | 3.54 to 1           | Water cap.       | 20 pints           |
| Final drive      | Hypoid bevel        | Tyres            | Dunlop 6.40 x 15   |

## PERFORMANCE

|                  |            |            |                        |              |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Acceleration     | Top        | 3rd        | Max. speed             | 101.8 m.p.h. |
| 30-50            | 9.7 secs.  | 7.2 secs.  | Petrol consumption     |              |
| 40-60            | 11.0 secs. | 10.4 secs. | 23.4 m.p.g. at average |              |
| 0-60 (all gears) | 15.5 secs. |            | speed of 50 m.p.h.     |              |

BRAKES: 30 to 0 in 33 ft. (90 per cent. efficiency). Theoretical cruising speed 85 m.p.h. (O'drive 109 m.p.h.).



# WAX TAPER WINDERS AND HOLDERS

By G. BERNARD HUGHES

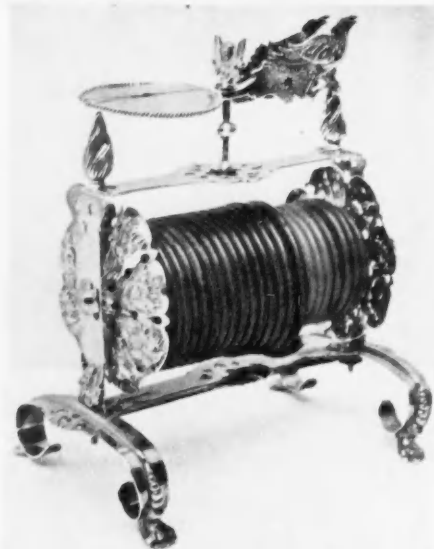
**S**EALING-WAX and the equipment required for its use were essential for any 17th- or 18th-century writer who wanted any privacy for his correspondence. Hence the elaboration—and delightful craftsmanship—of the tools required. The taper holder, whether winder or box, was intended primarily to provide a small flame for melting the wax. A candle was obviously unsuitable, as it dripped hot grease when tilted. From the 1790s, however, the small flame of the coiled taper was found convenient, too, for lighting one's way about the house, as it was lit from a fire or candle by means of a spill. The hazard of sprinkling grease was negligible, and if the taper were placed down momentarily and forgotten the flame quickly burnt itself out. Flapping curtains would merely extinguish the tiny flame, whereas when candles were neglected they were a frequent cause of devastating fire.

The coil of flexible wax taper was made by winding a wick on a drum and leading it beneath a guide roller revolving in a trough of melted wax. From this it was twisted through a series of progressively smaller holes until a closely knit, solid taper was secured, wound upon another drum. The process bore some resemblance to that of wire drawing.

A little turpentine added to the wax made it pliable enough to wind without cracking or flaking. From the 1790s coiled tapers might be coloured blue, green, yellow, red or pink.

The earliest holders for these coiled tapers were those open-frame stands known to present-day collectors as wax jacks, and to the craftsmen who made them as wax taper winders and taper holders. The earliest example so far noted is in silver and dates from about 1680; the date letter of the hall-mark was carelessly struck (Fig. 1). This held a large coil of flexible taper horizontally between elaborate vertical supports rising from spreading paw-footed scrolls. These supports, terminating in flame finials, bore a likeness to contemporary fire-dogs and held the circular guards, embossed with flower sprays, at the ends of the horizontal taper reel. Surmounting this framework were a swivel-action spring-clip and expansive horizontal disc divided centrally to hold the taper end. The clip was opened for inserting the taper end by pressure upon a pair of finely embossed and chased bird handles. The taper winder was  $9\frac{1}{2}$  ins. high,  $8\frac{1}{2}$  ins. long and  $5\frac{1}{2}$  ins. wide.

The vertical winder dates from about the same period. This held the coil of taper on a



1.—SILVER TAPER WINDER OF ABOUT 1680 WITH A LONG HORIZONTAL SPINDLE HELD BETWEEN FINELY CHASED REEL GUARDS



2.—SILVER TAPER WINDER WITH A VERTICAL SPINDLE RISING FROM A PLATE. The taper end is gripped by a concave scone operated by a spring-clip. London, 1780. (Middle) 3.—HORIZONTAL TAPER WINDER IN A DRAWN WIRE FRAME SUPPORTED BY A PLAIN STEM FOOT. (Right) 4.—SILVER TAPER WINDER WITH HORIZONTAL SPINDLE AND CHAINED EXTINGUISHER.

By R. and S. Hennell, London, 1805



5.—EARLY-19th-CENTURY SHEFFIELD PLATE TAPER HOLDER WITH CYLINDRICAL CONTAINER, FLAT SLIP-ON COVER AND CONE-SHAPED EXTINGUISHER

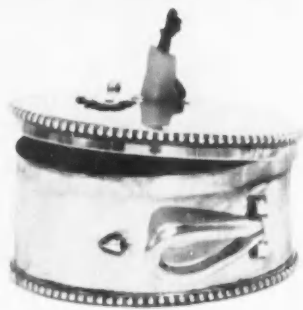
vertical spindle rising from a circular base mounted on three feet and lifted by an upward scrolling handle. As in the horizontal winder described above, the end of the taper was held in the middle of an expansive, slightly concave scone, gripped by a horizontal swivel-action spring-clip. The smooth, flat surface of the scone would protect both the letter and the coil of taper from any hot drops of either grease or sealing-wax and could be cleaned easily.

Wax winders of the period before the 1780s are rarely found to-day. The vertical spindle

type (Fig. 2) continued to be made, often accompanied by a conical extinguisher attached to a slender, hand-made chain. This pattern was superseded by a more compact and much less flamboyant version of the horizontal wax winder holding the coil in an oval or rectangular frame constructed of silver wire, either round-sectioned or shaped by passing through a swage block, invented in 1772 (Fig. 3). A bar across the middle of this frame held the coil of wax taper. This frame was supported on a round or oblong stemmed foot encircled with swaged reeding or moulded gadrooning. The stem was usually in the form of a high dome made by spinning. A scroll or ring handle might be fitted for lifting the holder, and a handle extension from the taper bar served for winding and unwinding. At the opposite end of the bar on a soldered bracket was hooked a cone-shaped extinguisher with a ball-knop finial. The top of the frame was designed to hold a flat plate of similar outline to the foot, with a central aperture for a substantial collar. The end of the taper was pushed through the collar, and no spring grips were required.

Cylindrical box containers for holding the coiled wax taper date from the late 17th century, but in silver few are known struck with hall-marks earlier than 1780 (Fig. 5). There were obvious advantages in keeping the taper protected from damage by heat or by mice. These taper holders, known to some collectors as bougie boxes, measured about three inches in diameter. The flat-topped slip-on cover was fitted with a central collar through which the end of the taper could be drawn by hand. The rims of lid and base were encircled with reeded ribbon or gadrooned moulding, and to the side of the box was attached a loop or S-shaped handle made from stout flat ribbon. In a catalogue printed in about 1790 they are listed as wax taper holders.

The majority of these boxes were undecorated, but silver examples of the late 18th century might be ornamented with bright-cut engraving, usually bands of flowers and foliage encircling top and bottom. Between 1790 and the 1820s they might be pierced, at first with a single band of ornament encircling the middle of the body, and later also with vertical pales above and below. By 1815 the cover, too, might be pierced. Rising from the middle of the cover was a fixed collar containing a tightly fitting



6.—TRAVELLER'S SILVER TAPER HOLDER OF THE EARLY 19th CENTURY WITH A SWIVEL COVER FOR THE TAPER APERTURE IN THE HINGED LID

nozzle through which the taper passed. The nozzle was rimmed with thin strengthening ribbon, but few are now found intact with the covers. Vase-shaped nozzles date from about

1820. A cone-shaped extinguisher might be pegged into a loop soldered to the side of the body opposite the handle, and attached to a guard chain extending to a small eye fixed below the rim. In other instances the cham was dispensed with and a vertical rod rising from the peak of the cone provided a handle for manipulating the extinguisher.

There were pocket taper boxes, too, shaped like a 1-in. slice cut from a cylinder, 2½ ins. in diameter (Fig. 6). There was a swivel cover over the taper aperture in the middle of the hinged lid, and a folding handle. These were included in the baggage of letter-writing travellers.

Taper winders and holders were largely made in Sheffield plate from about 1780 until the early 1830s, when plated German silver and other nickel alloys were used. Examples electroplated on copper date from the mid-1840s until the 1860s. The collector will also find all patterns in brass and copper; the latter were subjected to a brownish process so that polishing was unnecessary.

Illustrations: 1, *Sotheby and Co.*; 2 and 5, *Asprey and Co.*; 3, *Mrs. J. Grahame-Ballin*; 4 and 6, *Mrs. William B. Munro*.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### THE CONSERVATION OF COBBLES

SIR—Recently in Oxford I noticed that some of the cobbles between the pavement and the wall near the east end of the Clarendon Building had apparently been renewed. I recall having seen (about 1948) a man laying cobbles round the corner, nearer the Sheldonian Theatre. Nowhere else, at any time, have I had the good luck to see cobbles actually being laid. As yet cobbles are not very rare, but they are so rapidly disappearing that they may soon rank as by-gones, and I feel that real cobbler activity in the proverbial home of lost causes deserves to be remarked. We already have protection societies for commons and canals: should there not also be a Council for the Conservation of Cobbles? I might add that I am no longer a bicyclist.—J. D. U. WARD, *Rodhuish, Watchet, Somerset*.

### TRESPASSERS BEWARE

SIR—Reading Mr. Ian Niall's *A Countryman's Notes* in your issue of November 8, where he is writing about trespassers, reminded me of a friend of mine who lives about five miles from a small industrial town and has on his property a small wood which was very

popular with picnickers and hikers, who left a lot of litter. To try to prevent this annoyance he put up the usual notices, without effect. So the following spring he changed the notices to read "Beware of Snakes." He has had no trouble since.—PHILIP W. BAYLIS, *Southport, Lancashire*.

### IMPROVEMENTS TO COTTAGES

SIR—A letter in your issue of November 8 relates to cottages which by reason of lack of ceiling height and smallness of windows are ineligible for a grant towards restoration.

The enclosed illustration may be of interest. The five cottages, counting from the left and exclusive of the one on the extreme right, were originally seven, four of them small and low. They are known as the Town Housen, and were left at different dates and by different owners to trustees, the rents to be employed for the benefit of the poor of the parish. Some years ago, when five of these cottages were occupied and two derelict, I purchased the seven from the Charity Commissioners and, with the advice of Mr. S. Dykes Bower, began restoration. It was obvious that the four cottages which were so low could not be improved without rebuilding. The solution of



THE TOWN HOUSEN, A ROW OF COTTAGES AT ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE

See letter: *Improvements to Cottages*

the problem was to reduce the four to two, converting them into bungalows as regards the interior, while retaining the original roofs and skyline. This has preserved the architectural attractions of the row of cottages. At the same time, it has converted them into pleasant homes, which from the absence of steep stairs are eminently suitable for the elderly.

The semi-detached character of the houses in East Anglian village streets presents considerable difficulty when the question of a bathroom is considered. The loss of a bedroom where there are only two or three is very restrictive, and building out at the back is not easily accomplished. In this village, without a piped water supply at present, the problem has not yet had to be faced seriously.

Incidentally, wells and cess-pits appear to fraternise harmlessly and anyone wanting to argue against modern sanitation may like to know that at a baby show here the first and second prize-winning babies had been reared in condemned cottages.—P. C. D. MUSPOY, *Caldrees Manor, Ickleton, Cambridgeshire*.

### THE TWELVE POINTS

SIR—The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings welcomes the letter from Mr. Walter Howarth and his recapitulation of the comment from your editorial note on the Society's conference (October 25) that "one misconception that has recently been cleared up was that a reconditioned house has to meet the same requirements as a council house."



COBBLES OUTSIDE THE CLARENDON BUILDING IN OXFORD

See letter: *The Conservation of Cobbles*

It is the Society's experience that this is not by any means generally accepted by housing authorities, although, as was clearly shown during the conference, the requirements laid down by the Ministry of Housing and referred to as "the twelve points" are not the same standards as would be required for the small house, and in dealing with an old house this would be out of the question. It is, however, expected that the twelve points should be complied with as nearly as possible, and the Ministry of Housing will accept and will consider applications for a waiver if the building cannot come up to the standard required by a council.

The Society believes that the failure of some of the housing authorities to acknowledge the value of old buildings is due largely to lack of appreciation of this aspect of legislation and of the possibilities of economic and sanitary reconditioning.

It is the Society's view, based on long experience and an intimate study of methods of repair, that, although every case must be considered on its own merits, it is seldom that a structurally sound old house cannot be reconditioned at reasonable cost: it is undoubtedly a specialised field of repair and calls for a wider interpretation of the by-laws. For this reason and because it believes it can be of help, the Society is anxious to meet housing authorities throughout the country. It believes that with their goodwill and by joint discussion many old houses can be reconditioned with consequent saving of public funds, quite apart from preserving the

character and interest of town, village and countryside.—M. DANCE, Secretary, The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, 55, Great Ormond-street, W.C.1.

[So much interest has been shown in this subject that the twelve points referred to in Mrs. Dance's letter are given below. "The dwelling must, after improvement or conversion: (i) be in a good state of repair and substantially free from damp; (ii) have each room properly lighted and ventilated; (iii) have an adequate supply of wholesome water laid on inside the dwelling; (iv) be provided with efficient and adequate means of supplying hot water for domestic purposes; (v) have an internal or otherwise readily accessible water-closet; (vi) have a fixed bath (or shower), preferably in a separate room; (vii) be provided with a sink or sinks and with suitable arrangements for the disposal of waste water; (viii) have a proper drainage system; (ix) be provided in each room with adequate points for gas or electric lighting (where reasonably available); (x) be provided with adequate facilities for heating; (xi) have satisfactory facilities for storing, preparing and cooking food; (xii) have proper provision for the storage of fuel (where required)."—ED.]

### A BALSAM FROM THE HIMALAYAS

SIR,—Many of your readers must have seen a massive, purple-flowered plant growing by rivers, and perhaps wondered what it was. This is the giant or Himalayan balsam, *Impatiens roylei* or *glandulifera*, a Himalayan native which has become widely naturalised in Britain.

The accompanying illustrations show plants eight feet tall growing in a garden in St. John's Wood, N.W., where a few are allowed each year they are annuals—out of the multitudes of seedlings which appear, and a detail of the curious spurred flowers. This picture also shows the explosive capsules typical of the genus which, if touched when ripe, scatter the seed far and wide.

Apart from the flowers the plant is interesting in other ways. It is covered with glands which give it a slightly sticky feeling and an odd but attractive odour. In its early stages the plant grows at a prodigious rate. The stem, which can reach a

diameter of three or four inches at the base, is hollow and divided into joints like a bamboo; it often produces adventitious roots from the lower nodes and is very sappy.

According to *Flora of the British Isles*, by Clapham, Tutin and Warburg, it is "completely naturalized on river banks and in waste places; locally common in N. and W. England and Wales, less common in S.E. England, Scotland and Ireland but still increasing." I know it from the Thames and Wey in the home counties, in Cornwall, on the Avon near Bristol and on the Mersey near Manchester. One of the most interesting facts about this *Impatiens* is the way in which it has colonised polluted rivers in industrial areas where nothing else will grow.

The plant has been described under various names. Some modern authorities group the various forms—which include some with white and pink flowers—all together, and, judging by the variation in seedlings which I have noticed, this would seem the best thing to do; the plant is obviously very variable. Seeds were first sent to Kew in 1840 by Royle, who was in charge of botanic gardens at Saharapore, North-West India; the plant was discovered in Kashmir in 1839. It was growing at the Chiswick Horticultural Gardens in 1841. J. D. Hooker, writing in the *Botanical Magazine* in 1899, describes how plants identical to some he had seen in Sikim appeared unexpectedly in his Sunningdale garden, and that he had seen similar plants in widely scattered cottage gardens and naturalised in Worcestershire. Hooker believed these specimens to be distinct from Royle's introduction, but I imagine any differences must have been due to inherent variability.—A. J. HUXLEY, London, W.C.2.

### A PLANTATION OF MONKEY PUZZLES

SIR, It was with great interest that I read Mr. Miles Hadfield's article about monkey puzzle trees (October 4). Before attending an agricultural college in England I spent some two years studying practical farming on Monteith estate, in Wigtownshire, Scotland, where there is a large plantation of monkey puzzles, probably an acre in extent. A large field, known locally as the Racecourse (though not



AN ANTIQUE COW JUG FROM AGRIGENTUM, ILLUSTRATED IN ACKERMANN'S REPOSITORY IN 1809

See letter: Animals in Art

used for that purpose), has a small hillock in the middle and it is on top of this that the trees are situated. There are no other trees of any kind in the wood, which I was told is the only one of its kind in the British Isles.

If one looks at the wood from a distance it is noticeable that some trees are taller than others, and I believe that that is because the trees are unisexual and the pollen bearers grow to a greater height to facilitate pollen distribution. Perhaps some of your readers could confirm this point.—JAMES M. L. HUGGINS, Port Hope, Ontario, Canada.

### ANIMALS IN ART

SIR,—In his interesting article *Farmyard Animals in Pottery* (November 1) Mr. Stanley W. Fisher refers to animals, having inspired much early art. The engraving reproduced in an 1809 issue of *Ackermann's Repository* suggests that the "capacious body" of the cow was appreciated long before English earthenware potters turned out their popular cow milk-jugs. The drawing, evidently thought to be of interest to archaeologically-minded readers of the day, is labelled "a curious specimen

from AGRIGENTUM (GIRGENTI)" and is described: "The hollow body of the figure, representing a cow, was evidently designed to hold a liquid of some kind, which must have been introduced by means of the circular funnel in the middle of the back." Handle and spout, one reads, "sufficiently indicate the way by which the contents were discharged."

If one compares this with the cows illustrating Mr. Fisher's article, it is apparent that English potters were more successful than Roman in their adaptation of bovine anatomy.—MIDLANDER, Birmingham.

### UNSEASONABLE BLOSSOMING

SIR,—On October 28, when walking in some local woods, I picked a sizeable bunch of primroses, which, although short-stemmed, had all the delicious freshness of spring.

On November 3, I again walked in the same woods and picked an even larger bunch of primroses and also some dog violets.—H. M. EATON-MATTHEWS (Mrs.), The White House, Cobham, Kent.

### SHOOTING ELEPHANT

SIR,—In his article on shooting elephant (September 27) Mr. W. Robert Foran mentioned Karamoja Bell and the brain shot. Bell shot most of his elephant in the brain from the flank, and the point arises as to exactly where one should aim for this shot. Mr. Foran mentions "the brain shot from the flank, the bullet striking at a point about midway between the eye and the earhole." Such a shot would probably just get the fore part of the brain, rather low down.

The best place to aim for the brain in a square profile shot is about an inch higher than a line between the ear and the eye, and about one-third the distance between the ear and the eye forward from the ear. Another and perhaps simpler way to describe it would be just forward of the ear, and a little up.

Definitely the point not to aim at is that shown in a drawing in Bell's book, *Wanderings of an Elephant Hunter*, in which the point is shown as well forward of that described above. A shot here will never reach the brain. This is the more surprising as Bell was a great exponent of the brain shot. A Swahili elephant hunter (and poacher) whom I asked if he had known Bell replied that he knew him well, and then, putting his finger to his head just in front of his ear, said, "Hapa tu, hapa" (here, only here). How Bell came to make such an error about a matter on which he was an authority is very difficult to understand.

A second point in the article to which I would draw attention is



PLANTS OF THE GIANT OR HIMALAYAN BALSAM GROWING IN A ST. JOHN'S WOOD GARDEN. (Right) DETAIL OF THE SPURRED FLOWERS

See letter: A Balsam from the Himalayas





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the story about William Finaughty shooting an elephant with a four-bore single-barrel muzzle-loading gun. He hit the elephant in the shoulder and it "charged at once." His servant re-loaded the gun and Finaughty fired again, but the animal halted 15 yards away, as its splintered shoulder fractured. Now, an elephant, though big and seemingly ungainly, can move with great speed. It can turn like a terrier, and if it charged at once, and eventually halted 15 yards from the hunter, one wonders how the Hottentot servant managed to take the gun, load it and hand it back in time for the second shot.—H. C. KIRSOPP, P.O. Box 275, Kitale, Kenya

## LITTER AT SPORTING EVENTS

SIR.—Up to the present time the Association for the Preservation of Rural Scotland has concentrated its



PORTRAIT OF AN UNKNOWN OFFICER OF THE PURVEYOR BRANCH OF THE ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT. ABOUT 1815.

See letter: Who was the Officer?

attention on the menace of litter in the countryside generally. Now, with the camping and picnicking season over, we should like to draw attention to the enormous amount of litter scattered about at race-meetings, point-to-points and other outdoor sporting events. It is suggested that more litter receptacles should be provided. A simple and economical one is made of four posts with wire netting round them. These are easy to erect and remove. At such meetings the public might be urged on the loud speakers to make use of litter receptacles provided. It may be said that many of the public would not bother to do so, but the ingrained litter habit in this country can be overcome only by a long-term policy of slow but steady education of the public.

The litter menace is almost unknown on the Continent. Are we such hopeless litter addicts in this country that we cannot be reformed? —H. C. COURTNEY CLARKE (Comdr. R.N.), Chairman of Council, Association for the Preservation of Rural Scotland, 15, Rutland-square, Edinburgh, 1.

## WHO WAS THE OFFICER?

SIR.—I should be grateful for any information about the identity of the young officer a photograph of whose portrait I enclose. The picture, which is in oils on canvas measuring 30 ins. by 25 ins., bears no artist's signature. The dealer from whom it was obtained tells me that it was bought a year or two ago at a general sale of furniture and effects, and he is unable to say from what collection it emanated.

Expert military opinion identifies the uniform as that of the Purveyor Branch of the Army Medical

Department, because of the silver lace and buttons. The pattern of the epaulettes suggests a date between 1813 and 1816. I have checked our records and find that 28 officers received the rank of Deputy Purveyor between 1813 and 1816. Though a large number saw service in the Peninsula and at Waterloo, there is no record of any of them winning any special distinction. One of them, William Ivey, who was commissioned in 1814 and died in 1848, was the father of William Frederick Torcato Ivey, who served in the Crimea and became a Deputy Inspector General and, on retirement, was medical officer to the Tower of London until his death in 1891. One wonders whether by any chance this distinguished medical officer may have had this portrait of his father in his collection. R. E. BARNESLEY (Maj.-Gen., retd.), Redfields Officers Mess, Depot R.A.M.C., Queen Elizabeth Barracks, Crookham, Hampshire

## ICE FOR THE ICE-HOUSE

From the Hon. Mrs. Brownson

SIR.—In your issue of October 4 Mr. R. H. Goodall wrote that he doubted whether the underground ice-house at Stede Hill, Kent, would have been packed with ice, as it was three-quarters of a mile from the nearest water and up a steep hill, and he suggested that it was filled with snow.

Many years ago a somewhat similar ice-house in Dymevor Park, Carmarthenshire, was yearly packed with ice from a pond one and a half miles away in the valley below the house. I well remember seeing the heavy two-wheeled carts, each drawn by one strong carthorse, going up and down all day from pond to ice-house laden with ice, which was packed tightly into the

underground house and lasted all the year. GWYNLIAN C. BROWNSON, Bracknell, Berkshire.

## CONSTABLES' BADGES?

SIR.—When the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology visited Eye last summer the town regalia was on view. The collection included two small silver objects of unusual design. Each is in the form of a crown, surmounted by a sun. In the middle of the sun is a human eye, a punning allusion to the name of the town, and the date 1678 is

engraved on them. They are thought to have been used as arm-badges for constables.—F. A. GIRLING, Lufford, Essex.

## MONMOUTH'S CAPTURE

SIR.—With reference to Wayfarer's letter about Monmouth's Ash in Cranborne Chase, Dorset (November 1), I have always understood that the Duke was found, disguised as a labourer, in a ditch near Ringwood. It is true that Ringwood and Cranborne are only nine miles apart—a short enough distance in these motorised days, admittedly—but it was a sizable step in 1685. Is there any authentic record of where the ill-starred Duke was, in fact, taken prisoner?—J. C. GENT (Surg.-Capt.), H.M.S. Ganges, Shotley Gate, Ipswich, Suffolk.

## MISTAKEN IDENTITY?

SIR.—I am much interested, but also puzzled, by the photograph entitled "Bust of Sir John Barrow after Behnes" and the accompanying letter published in your issue of November 8.

Although the photograph is small the bust looks very similar to Rysbrack's bust of Palladio at Chatsworth, which was exhibited in London at the Royal Academy during the winter of 1955-56 (No. 84 in the catalogue *English Taste in the Eighteenth Century*). The clothes and cap worn by the subject of the bust illustrated as Sir John Barrow have no connection with the 19th century, whereas they are similar to those shown in engravings of Palladio. Moreover, the bust in the photograph does not seem to belong to the pedestal on which it rests, and I suggest that the inscription does not refer to that bust. It would be interesting to know what the original bust looks like. I enclose a photograph of Rysbrack's bust of Palladio; another illustration of it will be found in my book *Michael Rysbrack, Sculptor*. M. I. WOOD (Mrs.), 29, St. John's-avenue, Putney Hill, S.W. 15.

## COTTON-PRINTING AT GARSTANG

SIR.—In the village of Garstang, Lancashire, near the parish church and a row of cottages, lie the remains of a reservoir which is said to have served a cotton print works credited with the largest water-wheel in England in the last decade of the 18th century. It is probable that this print works produced variations of the famous Paisley prints which Sir Robert Peel's father so successfully adapted at his Glasgow works from the pineapple designs imported by the East India Company from Madras and Bengal in the 18th century.

If any of your readers can offer any information about the print works



A BUST OF PALLADIO BY RYSBRACK AT CHATSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE

See letter: Mistaken Identity?

at Garstang, I shall appreciate it.—M. M. FIELDING, P.O. Box 45, Colombo, Ceylon.

## RELEASED FROM THE STOCKS

SIR.—Can anyone help me to trace a painting by William Strutt entitled *Stocks Closed Firm, but Upward Tendency*? It is an attractive picture of the English countryside: a drowsy summer afternoon, the stout guard asleep and a pretty young girl releasing her soldier lover from the stocks. I have special interest in this painting, as the young girl was my mother. HELEN WHITE (MISS), The Flat, Money Hill House, Uxbridge-road, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire.

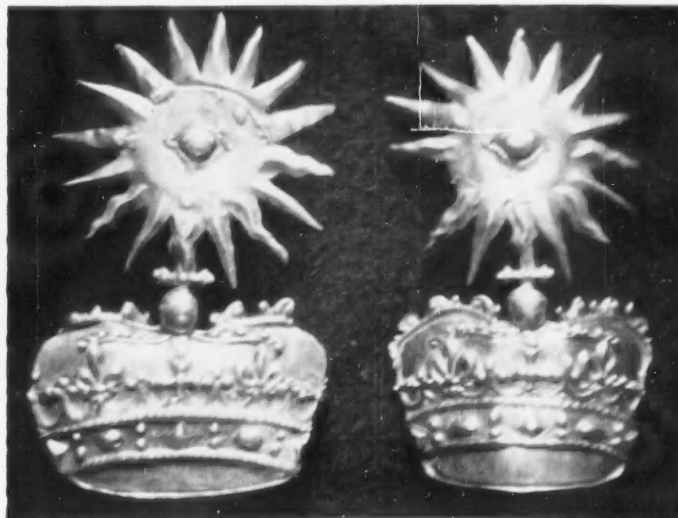
## NO RIGHT TURN

SIR.—The lovely and interesting cover picture of COUNTRY LIFE of November 8 shows the gateway to the Close of what some of us know as the Red Dean's Cathedral. Is it coincidence or fate that shows clearly a warning notice, saying: "No Right Turn"? BRYAN MORRIS, Monkton Combe Junior School, Combe Down, Bath, Somerset.

## BIRDS OF THE SHORE

DR. E. A. R. ENNION has always been a bird artist, with a distinctly individual style, rather than an illustrator of birds, and the measure of his success in this difficult undertaking is apparent from an exhibition of some fifty of his water-colour drawings of waders, duck and other shore birds on view at Messrs. Ackermann's galleries in Old Bond street until December 14. Most of these pictures are of birds on the sandy or rocky coast of Northumberland, and the majority succeed in capturing the atmosphere of the shore there, though some suffer from a certain flatness and lack of life. When I avoids too many dull colours, as in *Snow and More to Come*, or makes his birds fly instead of merely standing about, as in *Ringed Plover Drooping In*, the effect is most pleasing.

Some of his most successful drawings, such as *Wood-sandpipers* and *Waxwings*, are from sketches made on a visit to Lapland. *Wood-sandpipers* is a particularly lovely picture, in which a happy balance is struck between the birds and the landscape. The composition of two or three of the nearer studies of birds, for example *Teal on the Burn* and *Dusky Redshank and Water Arums*, which on the whole are more successful than the more distant impressions, is distinctly Chinese. In addition to the water-colours the exhibition includes a number of attractive pencil-and-wash sketches of birds and mice.



SILVER BADGES DATED 1578 IN THE COLLECTION OF REGALIA AT EYE, SUFFOLK

See letter: Constables' Badges?



# A 19th-CENTURY SOCIAL EXPERIMENT

By W. H. G. ARMYTAGE

**W**ILLIAM ALLEN (1770-1843) was one of the most versatile and influential Quakers of his generation. As a chemist he nearly gained the gold medal of the Royal Society, of which he was both a Fellow and a member of council. But no experiments that he made in his chemical laboratory transcended in interest and importance those he made in the larger laboratory of life. His social, like his scientific, experiments manifested integrity and industry.

Both qualities emerge in his life, which has attracted biographers up to our own day. He refused a contract to supply the Russian Army with drugs, because he disapproved of war. He denied himself sugar for forty-three years because it was produced by slave labour. He kept the British and Foreign Schools Society on its feet for the thirty years in which he acted as its treasurer, and the debt-ridden Duke of Kent asked him to undertake the management of his affairs. He opened soup kitchens for starving weavers. Out of his own resources he built at least two schools and founded and edited at least three periodicals: *The Philanthropist*, *The Inquirer* and the *Lindfield Reporter*. He and his friends helped Robert Owen to buy the New Lanark Cotton Mills and so launch a scheme for improving the living conditions of factory workers. He also characteristically firmly dissociated himself from Owen's secular environmentalism and subsequently withdrew from the scheme.

His own scheme for social amelioration was, in its way, a pioneer venture which has attracted little attention, partly because it was so carefully planned, and partly because, since it ran according to plan, there were no colourful pyrotechnics to catch the eye of contemporary critics. It was a communitarian experiment at Lindfield, in Sussex.

It took a long time to germinate. At the age of 40 Allen issued the first number of *The Philanthropist* "to show that all, even the poorest, may render material assistance in ameliorating the conditions of man." To this end he made eight long journeys abroad, recording both in his diary and in print impressions of other Continental experiments in social amelioration. He inspected the educational communities established in Switzerland by Fellenberg at Hofwyl and Pestalozzi at Yverdon in 1816, and in the following year visited the Quaker "colony" at Congenies (near Avignon). In 1819 he visited the Crimea, where he saw and appraised the communities established by the Mennonites, the Dukhobors and the Malakins.

His friendship with the sixty-nine-year-old General Contineas, the superintendent of the Crimean Colonies, lasted for the rest of Contineas's lifetime. For 11 years they corresponded and the exchange was broken off only by the death of Contineas at

the age of eighty. Allen learned much from Contineas. He saw the Mennonites at Corvitz, Gracenthal and Altona, the Dukhobors at Terpania and the Malakins at Simferopol. In 1821, on his fourth journey abroad, he discussed these communities with the Emperor Alexander, showing him his own plans for a "colony" in England. The Emperor was so impressed that he borrowed Allen's plans with a view to modifying arrangements in the Crimean colonies.

Allen's plans were for a colony in Sussex. While attending a meeting of friends in Brighton in 1821, he had his attention caught by the poverty-stricken appearance of the village of Lindfield. Lindfield was a distracted community. Its church was a dilapidated wreck, the tithes were owned by a lay impropriator, and it had no school. To Allen the school was both a community centre and an instrument for economic amelioration and Lindfield presented a great challenge. In accepting it, Allen employed an investigator to supplement and enlarge his own findings in the area. He also launched, in 1822, a successor to *The Philanthropist*. The

changed title, *The Inquirer*, showed the direction his mind was taking. As the scheme crystallised in his mind,



**WILLIAM ALLEN, A QUAKER AND SOCIAL REFORMER WHO FOUNDED A COLONY FOR DISTRESSED WORKERS AT LINDFIELD, SUSSEX, IN THE 1820s.** Allen's scheme was a pioneer one and inspired many other experiments

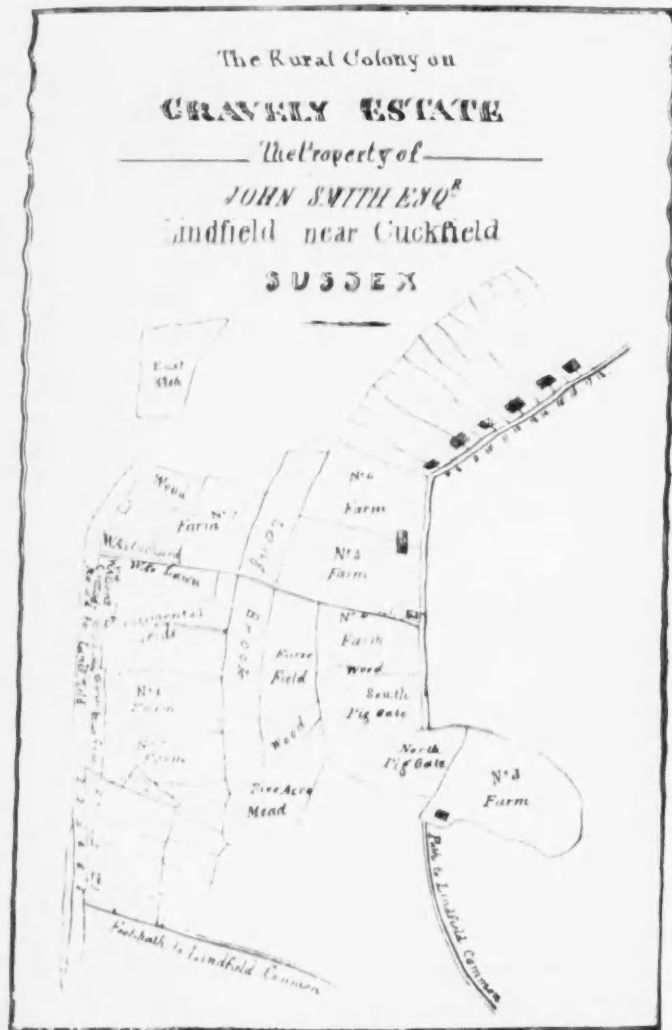
he discussed it with Prince Esterhazy in London.

Though living at Stoke Newington in North London—where, as he told a friend in August 1823, he had "taken a little estate in Red Lion Lane leading to the New River, where I have built stables, a cottage for the coachman and his family and another for a school"—he was also exploring the ways in which a poor man and his family could best live on two acres of land. In July, 1824, he called on several of the inhabitants of Lindfield to explain his views. He was well received, and not only did he discover a lieutenant in Stephen Wood, but two wealthy local landowners, the Earl of Chichester and John Smith (M.P. for Buckinghamshire), of Dale Park, near Arundel, came forward to help him.

They first built a school on the ground opposite the west part of the common, on the spot where two private houses now stand. This school was open to pupils of any religion and possessed a farm, a printing office and workshops. Boys paid 3d. a week, girls 2d. and infants 1d., but these fees were progressively reduced according to the number of children in a family, or according to the number of attendances made by each child. Thus if there were four children in a family, or an only child attended every day in the week, no fees were payable.

Such a success did this prove that in 1825, when John Smith visited it, he bought the estate of Gravely for Allen's colony. On these hundred acres 12 cottages were built, with an acre and a quarter of land to each. There were two types, six to rent at 2s. 6d. a week and six at 2s. Both types had three bedrooms and a kitchen; the first type had stuccoed fronts and slate roofs and the second plain walls and thatched roofs. Both types were built in sets of two with a long line of outhouses tailing to the rear like the upright of the letter T. These outhouses each faced outward, so that each tenant had his own woodhouse, washhouse, bakehouse and piggery. In Gravely-lane, on larger holdings of five to six acres, six more cottages were built to let at 3s. a week. To ensure that the colony got on its feet, Allen took one of these for himself.

It was lucky for the colonists that Allen was a Fellow of the Royal Society and a friend of Humphry Davy, the agricultural chemist. For the land at Gravely was very poor, so poor that the farmer who had sold it remarked that it was only "fit for colts." He spoke from bitter experience, having lost £200 on it. Allen saw to its



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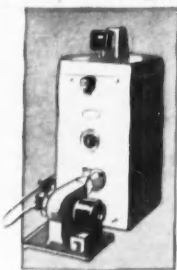
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manuring and by 1827 felt confident enough to publish a pamphlet, *Colonies at Home*. In this he stated his belief that every poor family should be furnished with a piece of land and taught how to cultivate it to the greatest advantage. Capital loans were to be provided by voluntary associations of benevolent persons in certain districts. He corresponded with farmers all over England in order to put the poor in the way of providing for all their wants by their

own industry; to enable them to procure an education for their children; and, thereby, to generate in them "a moral and independent feeling."

After the colony had been in operation for nine years it established its own paper, the *Lindfield Reporter*. This was actually printed by the Schools of Industry at Lindfield to which boarders were coming.

One of those infected by Allen's enthusiasm

was James Cropper, who published in 1834 *An Outline of a Plan for an Agricultural School for the Employment of Agricultural Labourers by spade cultivation at Pinhead, Near Warrington*. Another was Samuel Gurney at West Ham, then in Essex, who in August, 1837, bought seven acres of land and divided it up into allotments. Further experiments were begun at Ballinderry, near Lisburn in Ireland, and Lastadie, near Stettin in Germany. Allen argued that "home colonies" were a remedy for poverty far superior to Owenism or emigration. Emigration in his view merely removed the best and left the worst. In the *Lindfield Reporter* of 1840 (iii, p. 287) he dilated on the mischief of the Owenite plans, which, paradoxically enough, were now following the very remedy he was propounding, for in 1840 Robert Owen set on foot a scheme for a "community" at Tytherley in Hampshire.

When Allen died in 1843, his work was taken up (with no acknowledgement) by the Chartist leader Feargus O'Connor, one of whose settlements was described last November in *COUNTRY LIFE*. He left a more tangible memorial, however, in Lindfield, where the colony prospered. The cottages, with their bakehouses, wash-houses and piggeries, were so delectable in the light of living conditions elsewhere that his settlement was nicknamed America, a name that survives to-day in America-lane, just as Allen himself is remembered in Allen-road and his daughter in Hanbury Park. And if Owen could claim that his community at Tytherley was built by Joseph Hansom (the inventor of the Hansom cab), Allen, though he characteristically would never have done so, could reply that Lindfield was built by Lockwood, an exploiter of Portland cement, put out by Aspdin in 1824.



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## THE ESTATE MARKET

## UP TO OWNERS

I SEEM to remember that the plea, quoted in the issue of November 8, by Viscount Newport, president of the Country Landowners' Association, to cease being sentimental about farm rents has been made by more than one previous president of the Association. At first sight it may seem strange that owners who are barely able to make ends meet and who have a ready-made solution to their problems should be so apathetic as not to adopt a businesslike attitude towards this important aspect of land economy. But, as one might expect, there are reasons for their apparent indifference, and one of these, as I mentioned previously, is a distrust of arbitration which in many instances has resulted in disappointing awards. Another, and more cogent, reason is the reluctance of certain wealthy landlords to antagonise good tenants; an attitude which, though understandable, is selfish, since if the owner of one large estate adopts a policy of *laissez-faire* it makes it extremely difficult for owners of neighbouring properties to press for higher rents, however reasonable their claims may be.

## LINK BETWEEN RENTS AND PRICES

ANOTHER difficulty encountered by the Country Landowners' Association and similar organisations in their campaign for higher rents has been to convince owner-occupiers of agricultural land that they are likely to benefit as a result of the implementing of such a policy. In fact, as Lord Newport pointed out, there is a close link between rents and prices, inasmuch as the figure of rent taken into consideration at the annual Price Review is fixed on existing average rents, which to-day are so low that, after allowing for repairs and other necessary expenses, the dividend on ownership is less than one per cent.

"Price support," said Lord Newport, "is intended to give farmers a reasonable living after taking into account their costs of production and other outgoings. If their costs are low, price support tends to be low and *vice versa*. If rents are revised so as to give a better 'dividend' on ownership, costs go up and are (or should be) reflected in the price support."

The gist of the argument is clear enough. It means that, although owner-occupiers have no rent to pay, they stand to gain by higher rents. And since many men who farm their own land have bought their holdings on borrowed money, on which they may be paying as much as 6 per cent. interest, a better dividend on ownership will help them to discharge that interest.

## DEATH DUTIES AGAIN

IF Lord Newport's plea for higher rents is a familiar one, then so was his call for a further reduction of the death duties payable on agricultural land. These duties have not only resulted in the break-up of numerous estates, but have made it increasingly difficult for owners to finance improvements to their property—improvements that are expected of them under the terms of the Agriculture Act of 1947. Already owners of farm land benefit by a rebate of 45 per cent. in estate duty, but it is sometimes overlooked that agricultural land is included with other assets for probate purposes, which takes much of the gift off the gingerbread. Unfortunately, the existing concessions have been utilised by wealthy men who have bought land with the sole object of avoiding death duties, and as long as the law allows such people to acquire land without making it necessary for them to do well by it it seems improbable that the Chancellor of the Exchequer will agree to further concessions.

## WAIT AND SEE

MENTION of death duties reminds me of a conversation I had recently with a stockbroker, who told me that many of his confrères seemed to be busier watching the political news than doing business. Most investors, he said, were sitting tight until the situation in the Middle East and Europe was clearer, and much of the business that was being done was for executors who had of necessity to raise money to pay death duties when estates were being wound up. Like investors, both intending sellers and purchasers of houses are now doubtless chary of committing themselves until the political fog has lifted a little, and one can imagine that most people would think twice before putting a house on the market at the present time. Likewise it is a bad time for a would-be buyer, who, in raising money for the purchase price, might well not want to sell securities at their present prices, but, on the other hand, would have difficulty in borrowing. Certainly there do not seem to have been so many reports reaching me lately of forthcoming sales or of sales satisfactorily completed, although it must be borne in mind that even in normal years the property market is less active in the winter than during the summer.

## THE TODENHAM ESTATE FOR SALE

AN important forthcoming sale is that of the Todenham estate, near Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, which extends to over 1,200 acres. The property includes the stone-built Manor House, which was modernised in 1950. It is situated in the village of Todenham and, with some 25 acres, will be available with possession next March. Three cottages and about 120 acres of woodland are in hand, and possession can be given on completion of the sale. The remainder of the estate consists of a dower house, six farms and nearly 30 cottages, which are let to produce over £2,500 a year. The property is for sale on the instructions of the trustees of the Freake estate, who, according to the agents, Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley and Messrs. Hillary and Co., "will consider an offer in the region of £65,000."

The former firm announce that they have sold privately Church Farm, Upper Beeding, near Steyning, Sussex. The property includes a modern house and about 110 acres, mainly brook pastures bounded by the River Adur. The same firm have also sold privately Doles House, Hurstbourne Tarrant, near Andover, Hampshire, a residential, agricultural and sporting property with about 560 acres.

## DEVELOPMENT AT MARLOW

FROM Messrs. Jackson-Stops and Staff comes news of the sale of Western House, a Queen Anne house situated a quarter of a mile from the centre of the attractive Thames-side town of Marlow, Buckinghamshire. Western House, which has four principal reception rooms, seven bedrooms, four bathrooms, a staff flat and a gardener's cottage, stands in seven acres of grounds. It is understood that the purchaser intends to divide Western House and to build about thirty houses in the grounds, for which planning permission has already been granted.

The Chester office of the same firm announce that they hope at the beginning of December to auction the Orred estate, which comprises 120 acres in and around the expanding industrial town of Runcorn, Cheshire. The sale will include several lots of accommodation land, building sites on which the erection of houses and shops has already been sanctioned and four farm-houses.

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## FARMING NOTES

## BACKGROUND POLICY

ALL credit to Mr. Stephen Cheveley, the chairman of Central Agricultural Control, Imperial Chemical Industries, for the wise opening address which he gave to the conference on *Agriculture in the British Economy*, held at Brighton last week. The task of the conference was to reach some agreement on what our farmers might do to strengthen the United Kingdom's economy as a whole and the steps needed to enable them to do it. He gave the conference nine points on possible lines of development in the next ten years, and at the top he put the need to intensify grass-land management to produce more meat and so save imports. In milk production we could restrict the use of imported foods by home-grown foods, especially grass grown to take their place. Arable acreages could be kept at roughly the present level, the aim being to get a yield of 10 per cent. more. New varieties of crops, particularly cereals, have greatly helped arable farmers since the war, and so have better strains of grasses and clover. If our hopes for greater reliance on home-grown foods are to be fulfilled it will be partly because of the success of plant breeders in providing what we need, that is, crops which will turn heavier dressings of fertilisers to good and profitable account.

As Mr. Cheveley said, the products will have more specialised uses and the requirements of livestock more importance than hitherto in defining standards for plant breeders. If we could have barley with a reasonably high protein content this would be a great advance. There is also the hope that our livestock breeders will think less of show-yard standards—a real lead from show judges and the breed societies is long overdue—and will give higher priority to the efficiency of animals as converters of home-grown food. This is a sound approach to the problems of agricultural policy with the nation's balance of payment problems well in mind.

## Higher Production

THE Brighton Conference stressed the view that the Government subsidies will have to be reduced over a period of years, and in the process the emphasis should be changed from price supports to more permanent productive aspects. At the present time the production grants, such as the fertiliser subsidy, the calf subsidy and bonus payments under the T.L. scheme, which are the biggest items, amount to £67 million a year, and the price supports amount to £152 million. The proportion of the production grants in the total sum has been increasing in the last year or two, and no doubt this trend will be continued. It is in this way that higher production can be attained at economical cost. Then there is the problem of out-of-date farm buildings, which were put up when farm labour was cheap and mechanical power unknown. The skill and ingenuity shown by many farmers in converting obsolete buildings as far as possible to modern standards is wholly admirable. Most other industries would scrap such buildings and start again. So would many farmers but for the complications of the landlord and tenant system and the problems of finding capital.

## Capital Investment

MR. O. W. T. PRICE told the Brighton Conference that landlords' capital investment in buildings and works had not kept pace with expansion in tenants' capital. Owing to the poor return currently being earned from landownership, investment in efficient buildings which would increase the farm profit had been neglected. Most of the new investment in farm buildings in the next decade would be

required for the efficient housing and feeding of livestock. What Mr. Price called "the gross capital formation in new agricultural buildings and works," including farm-water schemes, is currently running at £25 million a year; this may need to be raised to from £30 million to £40 million a year. The tenants' capital investment has been expanding rapidly. The sum was about £62 million in 1954, spent on vehicles, plant and machinery, compared with £10 million before the war. It may well be that we are putting too much into machinery and not enough into building and other works which make for the more efficient use of labour, including the time of the farmer himself. Everyone seems to be agreed that capital investment and re-tooling would help agriculture to pay its way and reduce the call for subsidies without end. But there seems little inclination in Government or banking circles to assist.

## Oxford Conference

LEADERS of agricultural thought do not lack opportunity for meeting in conference. The 11th Oxford Farming Conference will be held on January 14-16 to discuss the theme of Better management—Lower costs, and some of the main points raised at the I.C.I. conference will be taken further in practical terms. Mr. Peter Sutcliffe, who is bursar of the Dartington Hall estate, which includes 4,000 acres of farms, will read a paper on the influence of farm size, lay-out and tenure on managerial efficiency, and Mr. Frank Sykes, a well-known Wiltshire farmer, and Mr. Hollinrake, who is the N.A.A.S. expert on farm buildings at Cambridge, will speak on the contribution of farm buildings to labour efficiency. Work study and analysis will also be discussed in the theme of labour organisation in farm management. This Oxford Conference is open to all up to a limit of 250. The Organising Secretary is Mr. M. H. R. Soper, of the University Department of Agriculture, Oxford, and tickets must be secured before the conference.

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## Rats in Ricks

THE law still requires farmers and threshing contractors to put a netting fence round a rick that is being threshed to prevent the escape of rats and to take all practicable steps to destroy rats and mice escaping from a rick. The maximum fine for a breach of the regulations is £20 for a first offence and £50 for a subsequent offence. Until I saw a Press report of a recent court case I must confess I had forgotten that this is still the law, made, as the presiding magistrate remarked, for the farmer's own protection.

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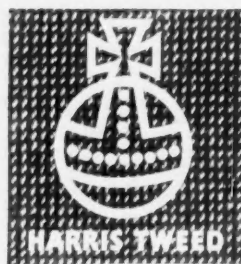
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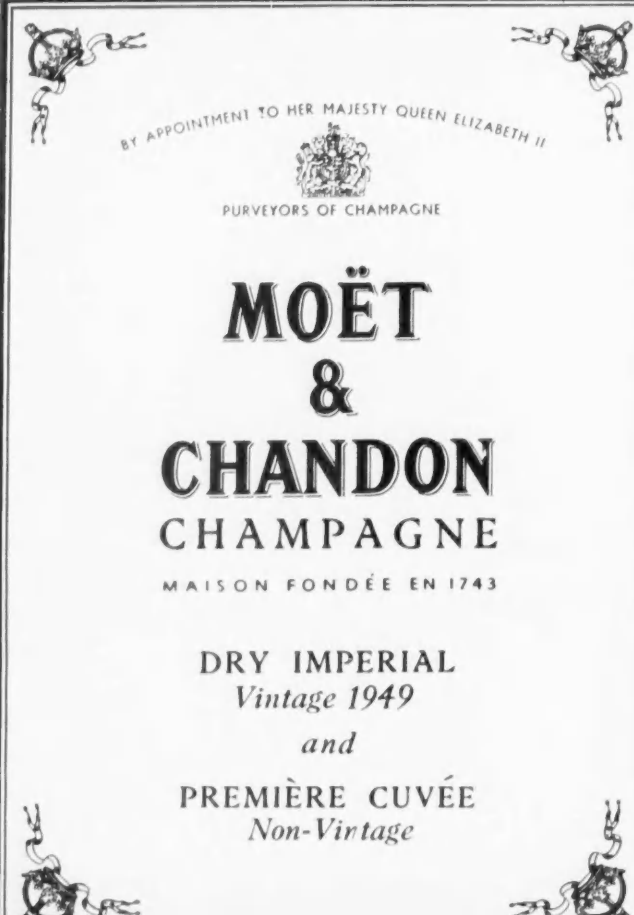
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## NEW BOOKS

# TREE: THE GREAT UNPROFESSIONAL

Reviews by HOWARD SPRING

MR. HESKETH PEARSON, an excellent provider of biographies, with a preference for those characters who have something odd, bizarre, and glittering in their make-up—Dickens, Disraeli, Whistler—has, for the most part, gone back a little in time. Now he deals with a man he has known and worked under: *Beerbohm Tree* (Methuen, 25s.). While a youth working in the City, as Tree himself at one time worked, Mr. Pearson was a devotee of the theatre and of Tree's theatre, His Majesty's, in particular, and later, as an actor, it was in that theatre and with that

A quip or a gesture would occur to him that had not been there before and that might never be there again, and it is easy to see that this could be disconcerting to his fellow-actors. Having seen Irving, you knew what Irving could and would do with a given part. But having seen Tree, you might go away with the idea that he was over-praised, whereas if you saw him on some other night you would think him superb. Moreover, he got bored with a part once he had created it. He detested long runs, and that could affect his work.

"Irving enthralled an audience;

**BEERBOHM TREE.** By Hesketh Pearson  
(Methuen, 25s.)

**GILBERT WHITE IN HIS VILLAGE.** By Cecil S. Emden  
(Oxford University Press, 15s.)

**TALKING OF TEA.** By Gervase Huxley  
(Thames and Hudson, 10s. 6d.)

**THE LOVING EYE.** By William Sansom  
(Hogarth Press, 13s. 6d.)

master that he learned his job. Tree was never the ponderous aloof boss. He was an out-going and out-giving man; and thus Mr. Pearson had a large opportunity to see him and talk to him in many moods and many circumstances. He made notes of solitary quips and long conversations. He became Boswell to Tree's Johnson; and, seeing that the English stage at that time—the time when it was emerging from a long stagnation into the renaissance that was to culminate in Shaw—abounded in talented and picturesque men and women, Mr. Pearson has here no dearth of matter. He has used it to give us a book that is rich and readable, and, one imagines, to give us also the biography beyond all others that he wanted to write.

When Mr. Pearson was trying to get a job at His Majesty's, one of Tree's earliest questions was: "What parts have you played?" Mr. Pearson said he had not played any, and Tree exclaimed: "Splendid! You will have nothing to unlearn." This brings us at once to a point about Tree that Mr. Pearson emphasises again and again. He had had no professional training himself; he was an instinctive and emotional actor. "Tree's performances," Mr. Pearson writes, "depended on his moods; he was incalculable, and therefore essentially unprofessional."

### CONTRAST WITH IRVING

Mr. Pearson's analysis of the work of Tree and his great contemporary and rival, Henry Irving, is full of interest. "There can be no doubt," he writes, "that Irving, with all his faults, was a greater actor than Tree." Irving studied a part with "deadly seriousness" and gave himself "intensive training." Having decided what he was going to do, he did it, and could do it, to the lift of a finger, the raising of an eyebrow, in whatever circumstances, and that, as Mr. Pearson says, is professional acting. Tree could not be relied on in this way. Circumstances affected him.

Tree entertained it." But, "in the presentation of Shakespeare, as opposed to the exploitation of an actor's personality, Tree must be given the palm. His acting versions were as much like the original texts as the elaborate scenery allowed, whereas Irving's had been 'arranged' to suit the leading actor. Moreover, Tree surrounded himself with the best players of his time and gave them every opportunity to outshine himself while Irving's company were chosen and drilled, their speeches abbreviated to make his own part stand out. Irving would never have produced *Julius Caesar* because it contains three or four leading characters, each as good as the other."

### A RADIANT PERSON

To anyone interested in matters of theatre technique all that Mr. Pearson has to say about these things is of great interest, but they do not swamp the course of a fine unfolding of Tree's life-story. We are shown an attractive, rather unstable, "radiant" person—the word is Max's; and if most of the celebrated quips and cracks now seem rather worn to old stagers, still they should have been set down here, as they are, for the benefit of posterity. He was full of contradictions: a man who was against professional acting but founded what became the R.A.D.A., a devoted husband much given to what Mr. Pearson charmingly calls "affectionate proximity" with woman after woman. He shyly introduced his daughter to "your cousin," who was, in fact, her half-brother.

Here is a sentence that smote me to the heart. "He was doing his usual autumn tour of the provinces at the time." What has become of those tours? It was the custom in my youth for all the great plays to be taken round the country by great actors and actresses. Now one must live in London or be theatre-starved. Are our players too lazy, too comfortable,



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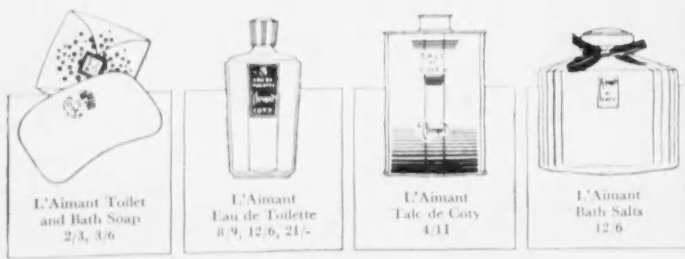
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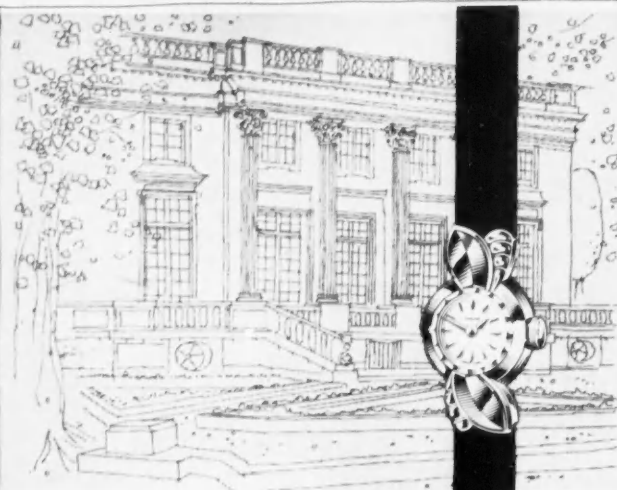


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too anxious to be near film and television opportunities? Meantime, the theatres in which the old-timers appeared are closing down one by one, so that even if the system were revived it would be difficult to find houses.

There is one company that does nothing but take plays to villages and small towns all over the country. They were helped by £5,000 a year from the Arts Council; but now, as if emphasising London's fatal contempt for the provinces, this has been cut by half; and last time the players were in my town they were asking for our financial help.

I am sure this is all wrong and misguided. Everything at the top and nothing at the bottom is a policy that will pay poor cultural dividends in the long run. Besides which, the provincial grumbles, rightly enough, that since it all comes out of taxation he's entitled to his share with the next man.

## GILBERT WHITE'S LIFE IN SELBORNE

Mr. Cecil S. Emden has written a sympathetic little book called *Gilbert White in His Village* (Oxford University Press, 15s.), with illustrations by Lynton Lamb. The title makes the subject-matter clear: White in his daily life at Selborne is what we are shown. He spent almost his whole life in that Hampshire village. He was born there. He was away at school and at Oxford, becoming a Fellow of Oriel, and in 1751, at the age of 31, he returned to Selborne as curate and stayed there till he died 42 years later.

He was a Selborne man if ever there was one, and Mr. Emden shows how the village affected him and how he affected the village. We are made to see how the geological structure of that tiny bit of country was important to White's great book. Chalk soil in the hills, ponds and streams in the bottoms, deep lanes—"in fact, great variety in a small area"—this meant different sorts of vegetation, varying habitats for birds and beasts: in short, everything that White needed to satisfy his inquisitive eye.

Here he lived among simple people, who contributed much to his work and to whom he made a good return. He was something of a farmer and fruit-grower, and he was one of the first to notice the importance of different kinds of grasses in stock-raising. That was the sort of thing he passed on to his neighbours, and he suggested a way of improving hop-vines that was "officially recommended many years afterwards." He liked to call himself "a good commonwealth's man," and had the sensible idea, which he put into sensible practice, that to a villager the village was the commonwealth. So we see him here, always busy, always observant, a good neighbour. He slipped up here and there—about the hibernation of swallows, for example—but how right Mr. Emden is in this observation: "His research was not strictly confined to the increase of knowledge, for he could never have been so remarkable a scientist if he had not been an artist too."

## TEA FROM PLANT TO POT

Mr. Gervas Huxley's *Talking of Tea* (Thames and Hudson, 10s. 6d.) gives us tea from the plant growing in the ground to the tea-pot and the tea-cosy. They are all of a piece, and that is what the book brings out. Tea,

that had been drunk from time immemorial in China and Japan, was late in reaching Europe. It was in 1610 that the first consignment reached Holland. The author shows how the immediate popularity of the new drink had widespread consequences. The loveliest clippers that ever sailed the sea were built to bring it home. The nascent pottery-making industry of Europe received an enormous impetus, social habits were changed, great chains of tea-shops sprang up, and, in the war against Hitler, Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Minister of Labour, thought a "tea-break" morning and afternoon, so important in factories that he ordered it to be done. He said: "That short break will represent in a year a great saving in labour-turnover, in absenteeism through illness, and a great increase in production." And he was proved to be right.

The fight for tea was not won without a struggle. There was a regular battle of doctors for and against, and John Wesley, for one, thought tea "harmful both to body and soul, an extravagance for the poor and a needless indulgence for the rich." However, he changed his tune, and "his friend Josiah Wedgwood made a special half-gallon tea-pot for him, which was used at his Sunday morning breakfast parties."

## VISION FROM THE BACK WINDOW

Odd things are said about novelists. On the back of the jacket which encloses Mr. William Sansom's new novel *The Loving Eye* (Hogarth Press, 13s. 6d.) a reviewer is quoted as saying that an earlier story by Mr. Sansom "might have been told by Mr. Somerset Maugham." For myself, I cannot imagine two things more different than the hard objective brilliance of a Maugham novel and the method of Mr. Sansom, whose literary "ancestor" seems to me, if, indeed, we must thrust one upon him, to be Virginia Woolf.

This tale is of a man who, looking from the back window of his house in London, saw a girl at the back window of her house, fell at once in love, and eventually married her. What interested me more than anything else was the flavour—that vital quality of a Virginia Woolf novel—rather than the course of the tale. "He spent much time here at the window. Thirty or forty small gardens backed on to each other . . . They made a narrow stretch of trees and bushes and lawns and walls, running like a long lively corridor between all the privately busy back windows. It was a small separate world of cats and trees and flowers sealed off absolutely from the other outer world of streets."

## UNCANNY TRUTH

Mr. Sansom's observation of this canyon, by day and night, in spring, summer and winter, is the masterly thing in the book. It is a world. The people at their doors and windows, the cats arowl, the flowers, the insects battling for their lives, the gardeners, even the police digging for the bits of a murdered woman! It is a wonderful piece of observation and of writing. Brilliantly though Mr. Sansom has given us here the atmosphere of pubs and a memorable fight in a night club, others might have done all that as well. But no one else, I think, could have given us the uncanny truth of the "small separate world" that he here presents.

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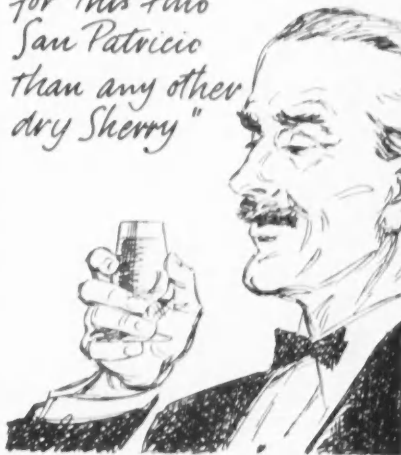
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# YOUNG FASHIONS



*Tweed flecked in bronze and black makes a suit with the fashionable short jacket with loose waist and widened shoulders. The tubular skirt is pleated softly into the waist (Spectator Sports). Blonde velours cap with pearl button (Kate Day)*

CLOTHES intended for the teenager this winter look different, especially the dresses where the sheath silhouette has registered a definite impression both for day-time wear and among the cocktail dresses, for both styles have almost always been wide-skirted during recent seasons. Colours, too, begin to change; there is less grey flannel and more of the blonde, honey and beige tones, less scarlet and more geranium and lipstick pink and deeper and more sophisticated pastels in place of the baby pinks and blues. Yellow in various shades is being worn by young people, and coats are often brilliant. Tartan, of course, remains firmly in the middle of the picture, mostly in wool and as the Black Watch tartan, which is made up into innumerable suits, pleated dresses with fresh white turn-down collars, drainpipe slacks and fine wool shirts; it also lines many short jackets and camel-coloured coats.

The latest batch of suits with their very



*A taffeta cocktail dress with a stiffened foundation ties with bows on the shoulders (Fortnum and Mason)*

*(Left) Thick wool jersey used for a straight jacket and dress with a striped jersey top, which looks like a sweater and skirt (Paul Jones)*



short jackets, waists that are gently indented and skirts of unpressed pleats are another essentially young fashion. Tweeds with a homespun look in blended neutrals make these suits and they usually have bracelet-length sleeves or wrist-length ones finished by a narrow turn-back cuff, both being plain and narrow and set in below the shoulder. Other short jackets fit the waist with a minute basque that is scalloped or nicked, and they have wide collars spreading out over the shoulders or neckbands. Both are designed for gaily coloured accessories, for tins and berets and sweaters with high necklines.

Both the new styles of jerseys are prominent in the teenage departments—the long thick knits and the waist-length snug-fitting cardigans in fine wool or cashmere. The former are worn with drainpipe slacks and are very brightly coloured or in the tone of a blanchéd almond. The short cardigans



A corded wool jersey dress that can be worn with or without a belt. It buttons on a narrow placket in front and has a deep pocket on one side. At the neck and wrists are narrow bands (Jaeger)

have turn-down collars and come in all the bright colours as well as the pastels and are designed for wearing with the masses of circular skirts that fill the shops in every material and colour.

**C**ORDUROY twosomes of wide skirts and shirts are made in all the brilliant colours and in wide cords as well as pincords. The yellows here are particularly lovely, both citrus yellow and the mellower amber shade. The russet browns and all the lipstick pinks, jade green and the fashionable blonde appear again and again, and there is a subtle greeny beige that is successful in velveteen cut in wide wales. Paisley separates vie in brilliant colours, though there are muted combinations of colours as well and some are carried out on quite deep grounds that are touched occasionally with vivid flecks.

The blonde and warm beige shades look very young as wool dresses with narrow plait lines and wide collars falling away from the throat. They also appear for wide skirts in soft wool with unpressed pleats all round. To wear over the narrow dresses, fitted coats in brilliant shades and smooth-surfaced woollens or in a matching blonde look newer than the straight. However, for the younger girls the coats keep to straight lines and pleats are inserted in the skirts at the dresses.

Pleated skirts are smartest when they are the wide box variety or are the soft and unpressed type making a drum skirt. For the younger

girls of about twelve years old the Paisley wool skirts shown at Fortnum and Mason's are circular and lined with stiffening. Jacquard wools are also made up for this age group and the skirts suitable for a small party are worn with an embroidered Italian blouse or short cardigan buttoning from a turn-down collar to the waist.

A knitted sweater with a matching gored finely ribbed skirt is a novel design shown by Fortnum and Mason for the teenager. This sweater is knitted in a close basket stitch and has a V neckline; it is collarless, so that scarves can be tucked in. The outfit is worked in forget-me-not or marine blue. A straight navy cardigan with gold buttons is also knitted in a fine rib and ends just below the waist—the same length that is shown for many of the suit jackets. A simple velours coat has taken two details from the couture collections—a collar that falls away from the throat and is narrow



A cap in two pieces. The angora tam is secured by a button on the top of a dark wool cap, and each part can be worn alone (Renée Pavy)

back and front and wide across the shoulders and sleeves that can be turned back to the elbow. These sleeves make the coat useful for cocktail time or evenings. It is made in the half and small sizes as well as the usual débutante ranges.

Stiff silk dresses come in the strong blues of an iris or are peacock shot with dark blue. Brocades are paler with many in the peach, amber and pale old rose range of colours. On both the décolletages are modest and short draped sleeves tie in front on oval necklines, or wide folded shoulder straps appear on square necklines. All the dresses have bouffant skirts and their own stiffened petticoats attached. One skirt with extra fullness each side and a hip yoke is an easy style for a big girl. For grand parties there are nylon nets with



(Right) Petticoat of stiff nylon taffeta with a frill scalloped in scarlet and embroidered with toadstools (Morley)

ballerina fluffy skirts starred with untarnishable gold thread or long ones gathered into deep pointed hip yokes.

Charming "young" suits are included in the newest ready-to-wear collection at Jacqmar's. A china blue and white wool mixture, a dress and jacket outfit, has the very short, easy-fitting jacket cut in scallops at the hem immediately below the waist, and the dress has a big softly pleated skirt. A tweed suit, also with a short jacket, has the slightest darting at the waist so that it is only faintly indicated. A dark plaid cotton dress is pretty with a full skirt gathered into a long fitted bodice and a white collar and a black bow at the throat. Skirts made from fine checked worsted are given fans of double inverted pleats at intervals; skirts of a fabric that is blended from wool, mohair and alpaca are cut with wide gores and moderate hemlines. Both styles create a soft line rather than the crisp circular shape.

A determined effort has been made to alter the line of the bodies of party dresses for girls so that not all of them have puffed sleeves. Many of the organza and taffeta dresses are shaped with deep circular yokes that are banded by gauged bands of the fabric or a piping of velvet, and this yoke continues over the top of the arms as a sleeve. Skirts are circular and mounted on a stiffened foundation. These dresses are made in the deeper tones of pink, blue, yellow, coral, turquoise and deep amber. Many of the fluffy white dresses show a fichu effect, and they are made of the flare-proof nylon net of Heathcoat. All of them have a stiffened foundation and a taffeta underskirt and many a deep swathed sash that creates a high-waisted effect.

A feature of all the dress shows has been the satin court shoes that are dyed to match the party dresses. The shape of the shoes varies, but the heels are always of a moderate height. The newest shape has an in-curving heel and a straight line to the vamp, but the low-cut vamp rising to points at the heel and toe and called the Gondola has also been shown.

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